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Court files suit against County

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The 46th Circuit Trial Court has filed a lawsuit against Crawford County, hoping to settle a funding dispute that has dragged on for over two years regarding court financing and retirement benefits for court employees.

The complaint was filed in Crawford County on November 19. An interview with Chief Judge Alton T. Davis has taken place, however comments from the County Board of Commissioners is forthcoming. Therefore, a detailed article regarding the case is expected to be published in the December 5 edition of the *Avalanche*.

Representatives for both the court and the county have said several times they wished the issue, which Commissioners said deals with over one million dollars in "unfunded liabilities," wouldn't have to be taken to court and that an amicable and equitable resolution could be reached.

The State Court Administrator's Office will assign a judge to the case. Both Judge Davis and Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy

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'Oklahoma!' wows local audiences



Photo by Susan Warrington

The Grayling High School Players presented three performances of "Oklahoma!" November 21-23. Here Curly (played by Jesse Van Slyke) describes the surrey he is renting to take Laurey (played by Maeghan Corwin) to the church social. For more, see Page 13A.

Oil silo, gas line keep fire fighters busy

► Frederic fire
fighters assist at
Waters oil silo fire,
well worker injured

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

One oil worker was seriously injured last Wednesday night, around 5 p.m., when the tanker truck he was working with caught fire, along with a nearby oil silo in Waters.

Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt said the unidentified man was taken to a hospital in Flint after receiving 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 85% of his body when the fire erupted during either loading or off-loading of his truck. Pratt said the cause of the November 20 fire remains under investigation.

The call for help originated from the Otsego Lake Township Fire Department, asking for water tankers and support from the neighboring communities of Frederic, Gaylord, Johannesburg, and Elmira at the scene off of Viking Club Road. While water support was used to keep equipment cool, dry chemicals were used by Savoy Exploration, Inc., owners of the oil

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Grant will keep snowmobile trails patrolled

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Riders who use local snowmobile trails can breathe a sigh of relief, as grant funding has been received for this winter season's Crawford County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol.

Although walking a financial tightrope, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners have agreed to a 25 percent match toward up to \$36,000 in grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to allow Sheriff Kirk Wakefield to hire a temporary part-time certified officer to patrol the county's trails during peak usage.

Because of the possibility of losing sizeable state revenues, the Commissioners agreed to dedicate \$5,500 to the patrol instead of the full \$8,500.

This fall, many local government officials traveled to Lansing, along with hundreds of others from around the state, to rally against legislation that would have cut hundreds of thousands of dollars in sales tax revenue from being shared with municipalities around the

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Law enforcement gets tough on underage drinking

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Increasing incidents of underage drinking have caused local law enforcement officials to get tough, stating there will be no more "breaks."

From February to just last week, Grayling Police officers issued 18 citations related to underage drinking (under the legal drinking age of 21) within the city limits. From April through November 15, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office issued 22 citations for the same type of activity throughout the county, including at Grayling High School during school hours. No statistics were available from the Michigan State Police at this time.

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner, who is also president of the local school board, said the true extent of the problem has not been fully determined, but in one instance a 20-year old male was cited three times within six days: the first two times as a minor attempting to possess or purchase alcohol and the third time as actually being in possession. Possession includes having

already consumed the alcohol.

Included in the list of the city's citations are the following: a 19-year old female arrested for OUIL, or operating under the influence of liquor; a 16-year old male charged with violation of the state's Zip/Zero/Zilch no tolerance law; one 17-year old male charged with possession and transport of alcohol; one 18-year male charged with possession of alcohol and disorderly conduct and his 17-year old female companion, charged with the same violation; and most recently an 18-year old male was arrested as a minor in possession (MIP) along with a charge of retail fraud.

Besides those violations, Schreiner said his department issued nine MIP citations to three 15-year old girls, two 16-year old boys, and three 20-year old males. These numbers do not include this summer's city park drinking incident involving teens as young as 14, one of which was hospitalized.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his department,

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Visitors have new way to take a look at Grayling

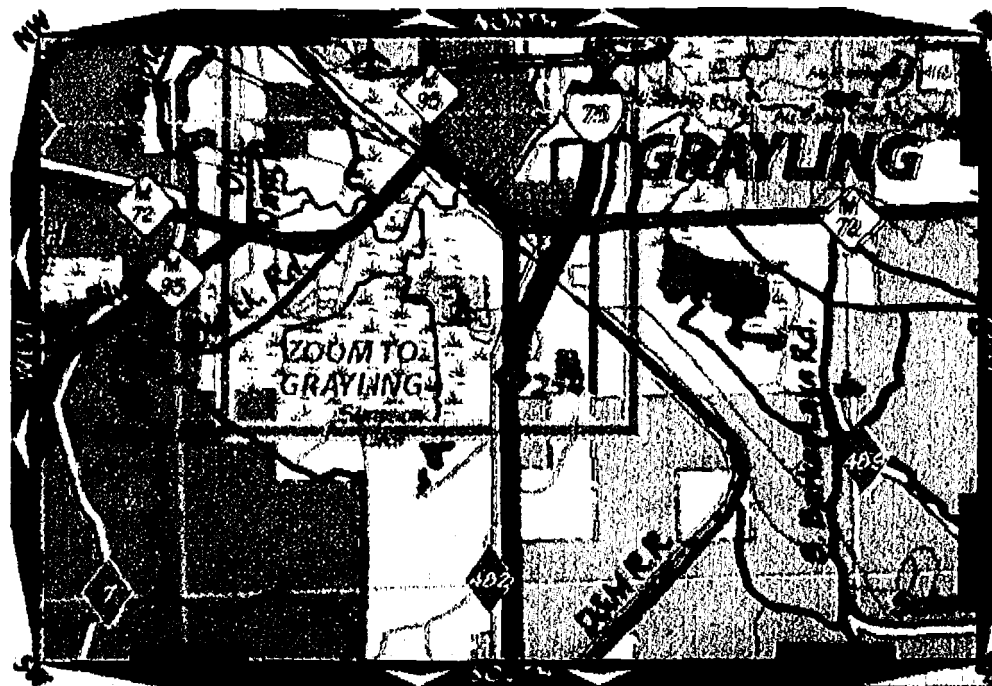
by Cheryll Ruley
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The Grayling Visitors Bureau (GVB) can add another notch to its belt, as it has joined forces with an Internet site developer to provide colorful, easy-to-read detailed maps of Grayling and Crawford County online for those interested in visiting the area.

GVB Executive Director Hene Geiss-Wilson recently announced the inclusion of Crawford County through the MichiganMapsOnline.com web site, a collaboration of her organization and Fen's Rim Publications of Elk Rapids. Working with Keith Miles, co-owner of Fay's Motel in Grayling and a sales agent for MichiganMapsOnline, Wilson hopes to allow the world to access maps of the area in order to increase tourism and provide valuable information about area services and businesses.

The GVB, at www.grayling-mi.com, is the first organization to link to the site. The area maps are on a pace to receive 15,000 hits this month alone, even before being formally introduced to any search engines. MichiganMapsOnline has received nearly 250,000 hits thus far this year, making it a prime candidate for profitable advertising opportunities, said Wilson.

A Grayling area business directory is growing and includes every-



Maps at the new MichiganMapsOnline.com web site are colorful, easy to read and a new tool for tourists and businesses alike.

thing from real estate offices to hotels/motels to canoe liveries, and much more. There are 78 banner opportunities at this time, ranging from \$40 to \$245 annually. Banners allow businesses to have their names appear at the top of each page as the user clicks on maps, "zooming" them in and out on local maps.

Businesses can link their existing sites or an informational web page can be created for them. Those listed in the directory will also be indicated on corresponding maps by flashing icons. Click on the icon and

reach the web site of that business. Directory categories will continue to be developed as needed and will include announcements of tourist activities and events.

Maps at the site are very detailed and cover recreational opportunities for all four seasons of the year. Visitors to the site will find it easy to navigate and can find any road in the county, as well as lakes, rivers, snowmobile trails and campgrounds. Miles said he believes real estate companies will benefit from

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Window broken, ice sculptures smashed

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling Police have no suspects in the apparent smashing of two ice sculptures and broken window on Michigan Avenue earlier this week.

The ice sculptures were leftover as a holiday memory and decoration from Grayling Uptown District Association's Christmas Walk on November 16. Depending on weather conditions, the sculptures could have lasted all winter.

During morning patrol, Detective Dennis Long noticed the smashed ice and the broken window at J. Dap Co. An employee of the store, Donna Carmean, said apparently someone was knocking over the sculpture in front of J. Dap when their plan really backfired, sending the sculpture into the window.

Carmean said she believes the damage was not done by kids, but instead by adults late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

No one entered the store, nor was anything reported stolen.

Also, luminaries designed by local school children and set out by the GPA (Grayling Promotional Association) were tampered with the night of the Christmas Walk.



Photo by Susan Warrington

One of the front windows at J. Dap Co. is boarded up while waiting for replacement after someone apparently knocked an ice sculpture over and into the glass November 19 or 20. The sculpture was left broken and at least one other on Michigan Avenue was found smashed.

Program to help seniors axed Memories shine bright through Lights of Love

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

A cooperative agreement between the Commission on Aging (COA) and Mercy Health Care At Home (MHCH) started in May 2002 to provide assistance for senior citizens who need at home care has ended. The contracted service allowed the COA to contact MHCH to provide home care the COA could not - such as weekend care or a nurse who would visit a senior, take blood pressure and set up the medicines the senior needed to take for the month.

This service in some cases has allowed senior citizens to stay in their own homes.

In turn MHCH would notify the COA if they came across seniors who needed services provided by the COA such as Meals on Wheels.

In October, MHCH was notified by COA Director Nova Anderson the contract was being canceled, as of November 21. The reason given was the COA Board voted to discontinue any funding to other agencies at their October meeting.

COA Board Chairman Jack Mahank said the Board fell into a trap by wanting to do good, but providing health care is outside the mission of the COA. Because of the COA's \$46,000 shortfall at the end of the last fiscal year the Board put the program on hold, along with any other program that required funding to outside agencies.

► Mercy Auxiliary sponsors annual holiday celebration December 3

The Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary is continuing a popular holiday tradition by sponsoring "Lights of Love," featuring an illuminated Christmas tree honoring loved ones and those who have passed away. "Lights of Love" application forms are available at the hospital for anyone who would like to recognize a loved one. Simply fill out the form and mail it to Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary, with a contribu-

tion of \$5 of more.

The Auxiliary will send an acknowledgment card, on your behalf, to the family of the person honored. In addition, the name of each honored person will appear on a tree in the lobby of the hospital throughout the holiday season.

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, the lights on the Christmas tree in front of Mercy Manor will be lit. Traditionally, a Mercy Manor resident flips the switch to light the tree. Christmas music, cookies, and hot chocolate help make the celebration very special.

All proceeds from the "Lights of Love" will help provide equipment for Mercy Hospital Grayling. Last year's event raised almost \$5,000.

'A Main Street Christmas' sure to please

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Tickets are now on sale for "A Main Street Christmas," this year's Christmas Special, presented by the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events.

Cultural Events Director R.J. Hannan said this year's special will have a real hometown feeling as the program "comes to town" at the Rialto Theatre on December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

For years, the Christmas Special has been performed at Grayling High School, but due to current con-

struction and renovation, the program has been relocated for 2002.

To help ring in the holidays, the Michigan Opera Theater (MOT) Singers will perform holiday favorites, accompanied by the Children's Ensemble. To add a little spice to the program, the Grayling High School Jazz Ensemble will treat the audience to their rich tones, and magician illusionist Rick Carver is sure to have something up his sleeve.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens, and a Family Pack of tickets (up to five

family members) is available for \$25, so everyone should be able to afford to come and enjoy this annual Grayling tradition. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., show starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Call 348-7146 to order tickets or for more information.

The Christmas Special, "A Main Street Christmas," is brought to Crawford County as a result of a generous partnership of local businesses, corporations and individuals, and by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Correction

In the November 21 edition of the *Avalanche*, the 83rd District Court sentences published include those from the month of September, as well as the stated month of August. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Correction

In coverage of the buck pole competition (Orange Coat Round Up) in last week's *Avalanche*, Joe Bartha's name was spelled incorrectly. Bartha, a Grayling resident, was the eighth hunter to submit a buck during the contest, and he won the prize for "youngest hunter" on November 15.

The *Avalanche* apologizes for the error.

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Law enforcement gets tough on underage drinking

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though not on 24-hour patrol like the city, has accumulated numbers that are "out of hand."

Since April, his deputies have issued seven MIP citations during patrols on local rivers and lakes. Traffic stops have resulted in six more. At the high school this year, one 16-year old male, one 17-year old male, two 17-year old females and one 18-year old male have been issued MIPs. The 16-year old male has been issued twice, once assaulting the school's liaison officer.

"These numbers indicate just the ones who have been caught," Wakefield explained, "and we weren't even looking for them."

Not included in the county's numbers were several teens who ran from the area when Sheriff's deputies converged upon the scene of their drinking party behind the ski hill at Hanson Hills Recreation Area on Halloween night.

The teens had been attending a chaperoned dance, meant to help keep them off the streets and out of trouble, when some of them were seen driving to the secluded area. About an hour later, when the teens did not return, the authorities were called. Deputies were extremely concerned about finding some who were passed out, but more concerned they would not find someone if they had fallen and gotten hurt, then succumbed to the sub-freezing temperatures that night. Two of the teens were found later walking along M-72 just inside the city limits, one was suffering from a head wound and was taken by ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital. Fortunately, only this one injury was reported.

The Halloween night incident tied up deputies, other law enforce-

ment officers and tow truck operators for hours and into the next day, as many vehicles had to be towed after getting stuck in the sandy loose soil.

Two parties in two nights took place in Grayling Township recently, where teens drove away, only to be caught inside the city limits and ticketed, Schreiner said. These parties are taking place late at night, when no Sheriff's deputies are on duty. "There's not much we can do about that," Schreiner said of problems occurring out in the townships. He would like to see more coverage in Crawford County by Michigan State Police Troopers. He said to the south, Roscommon County has 24-hour road patrol by the sheriff's department, so the troopers could be put to better use patrolling and answering late night calls up here.

Both the Sheriff and the Police Chief are issuing a warning to underage drinkers their departments are really cracking down on the problem, especially now that the holidays are upon us. "There will be no more breaks, no more pulling the beer out on the ground and sending kids on their way if they are able," Wakefield said. He said he does not want a tragedy, like the death of some young people, to be the thing that brings about awareness "that we have a problem out there."

The intention of law enforcement officers, said Schreiner, is not to harass young people in the community, but the problem definitely needs more attention. "If we find kids drinking, they will be ticketed, turned over to parents or probated court, or arrested if old enough. Anyway you look at it, you're history if you are caught drinking

under age. My officers are just not putting up with it any longer," he said.

Schreiner and Wakefield are concerned not many adults seem to care or want to face the reality of the situation -- that they are resigned to the "fact" kids are going to drink and there is nothing anyone can do about it. They fear some adults even look at underage drinking as a rite of passage with a "kids will be kids" attitude. But the fact still remains, it is against the law.

Arrests at the high school would be of grave concern, especially when some young people seem to have grown more defiant of rules and authority figures.

Wakefield said he has witnessed teenagers yelling and cursing at their parents, while the parents "just stand there and do nothing about it." He blames this on changes in societal views. "In reality, society is making all of this defiance and irresponsibility possible among our young people," Wakefield said. "The do-good liberal thinking of the past 30 or so years has created policies which tie the hands of parents. In many cases, there are no consequences at home when a kid breaks the law, so they keep screwing up and, sooner or later, they are no longer a juvenile and find themselves in jail and no longer in the hands of their parents. All I know is, the kids have taken advantage of our (law enforcement's) kindness and keep taking the risks of drinking. So, using kindness has not been a very effective tool in dealing with the problem."

Schreiner said it is difficult for parents to address an underage drinking issue once their kids reach the age of 18, but before then it is all up to them. Wakefield agreed.

"This is not a school problem, this is not a police problem, this is a parent problem and we are looking to the parents for more help. However, I do know there will always be kids in trouble no matter how good the parents are or how good the home." He said there is no funding for more officers to address this problem, so the parents need to lead by example and establish a "zero tolerance" of their own.

"We are really concerned about kids drinking because when they do, more often than not, trouble follows," Wakefield said. "Kids tend to get into fights, vandalize or commit other crimes while under the influence of alcohol."

The Crawford AuSable School Board has formed a task force to address the abuse of alcohol and substance issues. It is scheduled to meet for the first time with law enforcement officials and school personnel on November 25. Schreiner, who has a dual role in the concerns about underage drinking as police chief and board president, said he doesn't expect the answer to the problem will come out of that meeting, but a foundation will be laid from which the schools, law enforcement and parents may begin to work toward a solution.

"We know that all kids are not using alcohol, but we need to find out how big the problem of underage drinking is in our county. Once that is determined, we can start looking for ways to change it."

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have disqualified themselves from the hearing the case.

The County has 21 days from the receipt of the complaint to file and answer with the court.

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state. The rally was effective, but only provided a temporary fix as the legislation is expected to be recon-

sidered in the near future.

Sheriff Wakefield discussed with the Board how local riders and tourists have grown to rely on law

enforcement coverage in case of emergencies or trouble on the trails and thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

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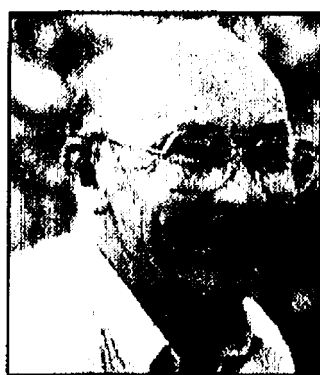
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Despite troublesome times, let us give thanks

Note: Many of the following thoughts first appeared in *The Almanack* a few years ago. With words adjusted a bit, and despite the dangers and uncertainties we face in 2002, the sentiments are unchanged. Happy Thanksgiving!

WHEN PILGRIMS more than 350 years ago decided to offer special thanks to Almighty God for a plentiful harvest, they probably had no idea how the Thanksgiving holiday they unintentionally inaugurated in what is now the United States of America would develop.

In those days, there were no thoughts of football games or holiday shopping or just dozing on the couch after a huge meal of turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie.

The Pilgrims had in mind a far simpler routine. They were faring well in a strange and harsh land, and -- religious folk that they were -- they knew some higher being was influencing their progress.

Recognizing this, they bowed their heads and prayed, in essence, "Thank you, God, for all you've done for us."

The Pilgrims knew about God, and they revered God. That's the reason most of them came across the ocean to an unknown future in the first place.

And, while they were at it, giving thanks on that cold November day, why not celebrate a bit, too? Why not invite over a few friends and neighbors to share their good fortunes and enjoy a big dinner?

And so it was. Foreign settlers and Native Americans sat down together in peace, sharing gifts of harvest and fellowship.

Really, the first Thanksgiving is an amazing and refreshing story.

* * *

BUT THAT WAS then, and this is now.

Why should we, today, here in America, be thankful?

Sure, we have plenty to eat. The terrorists have not denied us that. Supermarkets are full of food, and most of us can have anything we want to eat and drink. It's been that way for a long time.

True, we're involved in a strange and sometimes mystifying battle against terror-

ism and despotism around the world. Where it will eventually lead us is unknown.

But most of us, by most standards, are pretty well off. And even taking into account the sorrows and uncertainties created by those who hate us, most Americans still are happy, more or less.

So why get all soft and mushy about thanking God for this and that? Besides, these days who, or what is God anyway?

In the days immediately after the terrorist attacks against America last year, much of the nation turned anew toward religion and prayers. For many, newly found faith in God flourishes.

Even so, is it that big a deal at Thanksgiving? Why don't we just skip all that "thankful" stuff, and enjoy the holiday, settle down to a big dinner and eat too much, and then plop in front of the tube and watch a football game, and everybody go shopping the next day?

* * *

IF WE REALLY get serious about it, each of us can find something for which to be

thankful.

How about progress itself? Bear in mind that our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century ... without coal fires until the 14th century ... without buttered bread until the 16th.

They did without tea or soap until the 17th century ... without matches or electricity until the 19th ... without cars, canned or frozen food until the 20th.

Each of us can add our own favorite luxuries to this list -- indoor plumbing, central heat, television, Saran wrap, microwave ovens, computers, band aids, ice cream cones, and on and on.

The point: Even if we may not feel thankful for intangible blessings such as love and health and family, there are plenty of material gifts which none of us earned but which all of us can enjoy, and for which all of us can be thankful.

And in this special year, we also should be thankful to God for the America that has developed from that first Thanksgiving 350 years ago, and for our continued resolve to

stand up for what is right.

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FOR MYSELF, I appreciate and I'm thankful for all those material things we take for granted but don't deserve by our own merit, such as soap and electricity and frozen foods.

But I am even more thankful for other things which I did not earn on my own either, but which I treasure and strive to deserve -- such things as life itself, and faith, and health, and love, and ability, and opportunity, and family, and children, and grandchildren.

I know, too, from where these blessings flow, and where my thanks should be directed, especially on Thanksgiving Day, but also on every other day as well.

The Almanack wishes you a happy, and thoughtful, Thanksgiving!

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

A reminder to those who don't buckle up

To the editor,

Over the next few weeks, law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in force, vigorously enforcing Michigan's safety belt law. Wearing your safety belt every time you drive can save you the cost of a ticket. More important, it can save your life.

Michigan law is clear and simple:

1. All front seat occupants must buckle up.
2. Passengers under the age of 16 must be buckled up, whether in the front or back seat.
3. Children under age four must

be in an approved child safety seat, no matter where they are riding in the vehicle.

According to AAA Michigan, an estimated 1.2 million Michiganders, or 12 percent of the state's population, will travel this holiday weekend. When you buckle up, remind others to do the same. It's smart and it's the law.

Betty J. Mercer
Division Director
Office of Highway Safety Planning
Lansing

Candidates supporting 'values' should practice what they preach

To the editor,

I strongly agree with the views expressed in a letter from Terry Dickinson regarding negative campaign ads.

During the recent election campaign, some candidates seemed to equate a stand on a particular issue with values. How many times during the campaign did we hear about Michigan values, northern Michigan values, and "our values?" Ads would often use the word "values" and then list organizations which endorsed the candidate.

Clearly, the implication was that if a voter didn't agree with the views

of the group endorsing the candidate, the voter was somehow lacking in moral values. It was particularly offensive that some of the same candidates who used "values" ads were the same ones who ran mean-spirited campaigns.

Hopefully, the next election campaign will be one which is positive and issue based. Instead of preaching about values, perhaps those running for political office will practice the values of common decency and honesty in their election campaigns.

Nancy Marchywka
Grayling

Law student disillusioned by local justice system

To the editor,

As a pre-law student at the University of Michigan, and one who aspires to make my way to the United States Supreme Court, I had more at stake in the case I witnessed Friday, November 8, than the future of my mother.

When I made a decision long ago as to how I could best contribute to the many problems in today's society, I chose to dedicate my education to learning the law. After all, couldn't I best bring justice to the world through the prestigious "Justice" system? However, I left the Crawford County District Court that Friday feeling like that decision was a lost cause.

On that day, I witnessed an extreme fabrication, coupled with inconsistent testimonies and a little too friendly of conversations between the Prosecuting Attorney and two jurors resulting in the conviction of an innocent person. And, so, I faced the sad fact that our so-called justice system does not always do justice.

Rather than meeting the elements of the law and seeking the truth through the consistency in testimonies, ignorance filled the courtroom and resulted in a verdict that appalled me not only as a daughter, but also as a devoted student of the law. I feel quite confident asserting that even the Prosecuting Attorney was surprised at the verdict by the jury since he had previously become quite frustrated with his witnesses for their failure to produce "stories" that added up.

Ironically enough, the best witness for the defense was actually one called by the prosecution. This witness not only recalled the incident in question to have occurred in a

completely different room than the alleged victim, but further served to catch the woman accusing my mother of assault and battery in a direct lie.

While the alleged victim claimed she had been shoved after being turned around by her hair, her witness claimed that he saw her in the process of freely turning around and then had his eyes on her for everything that happened after that. He stated the two women in question had their "hands to themselves."

This direct contradiction shows it is impossible for both of the Prosecution's witnesses to be telling the truth. If the second witness is telling the truth, then the shove claimed by the victim is a mere fabrication. The defense attorney indeed pointed out it was impossible for both testimonies to be true, but the jury chose to ignore it. Perhaps it was influence from the juror who joked with the Prosecuting Attorney about their old age during the trial or the other juror who expressed his gratitude to the Prosecuting Attorney for allowing him to sit on the case.

Whatever it was that caused the jury to render the verdict of guilt is unclear; the only thing for certain is that it was not a genuine effort at the truth or an intelligent application of the law. Even a Crawford County Officer expressed his belief that the case at hand was not worth our time in the courtroom that morning.

The jury even reneged on its presentation of the "reasonable doubt" it held. The jury sent a question to the Judge asking to separate pure assault from assault and battery. When the Judge however said this could not be done, the jury stifled

their doubts and convicted the defendant anyway. It was obvious they held doubts about convicting her of battery, or they wouldn't have asked to separate the charges. But, their decision to ignore these doubts, similar to their decision to ignore the blatant inconsistency of testimonies, fueled my shock as I listened to the foreman read the verdict.

While waiting for the jury to deliberate, I wasn't nearly as nervous as I should have been because, to me, after listening to the elements of the law, the case seemed so obvious. Many people I spoke with expressed similar sentiments. Each of us in the courtroom could clearly see the flaws in the Prosecution's case. But the jury closed its eyes to these flaws. I was appalled as I witnessed pure ignorance have the power to decide the future of another human being.

As a previous supporter of the jury system, I was let down as I saw the blindness of these six individuals carry more weight than the Judge. Is he not the one who has the training to decide such cases? Instead we let six people, off the street (one a previous convicted felon) apply the law as they wished. After being told the Prosecution had to prove all the elements of the crime, one of which was a feeling of immediate danger by the victim, I was shocked the jury failed to listen as the victim herself expressed she did not fear immediate danger.

I wondered if the minds of the jurors were even present in the courtroom that day. I felt like I was watching a circus act rather than a court in session. I even found myself yelling out at the end of the case. Even in the courtroom, I

couldn't suppress my anger and shock. While in no way did I mean to disrespect the Judge, I simply could not believe what I was seeing was happening in a courtroom in this country.

While some may claim I am biased because the defendant was my mother, I cannot entirely agree. The law has been my passion for years and such a gross abuse on anyone would appall me. My anger goes beyond the unfairness my mother faced in the system that was supposed to do her justice. My anger and disillusion is fueled by the way individuals were able to turn this system into one of crooked ignorance, as the alleged victim and her witness laughed outside the courtroom about how they would go to the bar that night and celebrate their victory.

So, do I date devote my life to a system that allows such injustice; or do I run as far from the animosity as I can? Only one thing is certain: I will not join in the so-called "victim's" celebration of how her fabricated story was able to manipulate the system in a way that played on the jurors' ignorance, stifled doubts and convicted an innocent person.

Jill Ryther
Ann Arbor

Editor's note: Ms. Ryther's letter concerns a case in 83rd District Court where her mother, Julie Ann Ryther, was found guilty by a jury of six citizens on one count of assault/battery on November 8. She is due to be sentenced in the same court on December 10. The Crawford County Avalanche did not report on this misdemeanor case.

Grinches snuff out cheer

To the editor,

On November 16, the streets of Grayling were festively lit for one of the community's favorite events, the annual Christmas Walk.

The live nativity, Santa Claus, reindeer, carolers, and hundreds of luminaries -- stretching from the hospital to the museum and up Norway Street -- set the tone for the holidays and the love and caring this season represents.

What happened to change this tone when the luminaries were maliciously crushed and destroyed,

and trash was thrown into the bags? How many people missed the full effect of these bright beacons along the road when so many were snuffed out before they could be enjoyed?

Childish pranks and carelessness do not belong on this special night of celebration and should not be tolerated. To the "Grinches" who performed these acts, shame on you!

Barb Bowers
Grayling Promotional Association

City park lights are wonderful

To the editor,

The lights in the city park are wonderful and really set the mood for the coming holiday season.

A job well done to all involved.

Keith and Jean Kenney
and Family
Grayling

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Flu vaccine still available at Health Dept.

The Crawford County office of District Health Department #10 has a limited amount of flu vaccine still available. A walk-in clinic is scheduled for Monday, December 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No appointments are necessary. Cost is \$12 and, if applicable, a Medicaid or Medicare card will be needed for billing. Those who can not make the clinic should know that local doctors' offices still have vaccine; check with them for availability. Flu vaccine can be administered through December and into the new year for influenza protection. For more information, call the Health Department at 348-7800.

Church plans all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Make a holiday centerpiece, wreath

The Grayling Garden Club will be supplying evergreens to make centerpieces and wreaths at its next meeting, December 5 at 7 p.m., when the public is invited to join in the fun at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. For more information, and details on items to bring, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

Toys for Tots toy drive under way

The local Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign has begun in Crawford County. Coordinator Marianne Gosnell said new, unwrapped toys may be placed in an official Toys for Tots collection box at any one of the following locations: Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Eagles Club, Huntington Bank, K-Mart, Chemical Bank, AAA office in the Grayling Mini Mall, Citizens Bank, Dr. Elk's office at Toupin Chiropractic Clinic, North End Grocery in Frederic, Coldwell Banker/Cornell Realty, Glen's Market, Icehouse Quilt Shop, Dr. Denholm's Chiropractic Clinic, North Central Area Credit Union, Goodale's Bakery, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Cornell Insurance, and The Bloomin' Grape. Collection boxes are expected to remain in place until December 20. All toys will be distributed locally through programs coordinated by the Christian HELP Center in Grayling.

GHS Choirs present Madrigal Dinner

The Grayling High School Choirs will present their Third Annual Madrigal Dinner on two evenings, December 6-7, at 6:30 p.m. in the AuSable Primary School's cafeteria. A roast beef meal with all the trimmings and lots of merriment are included. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age and are available at Riverland Gear on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call Director Karen Ross at 344-3575.

Last chance to buy Girl Scout cookies

The last chance to buy Girl Scout cookies this year will come Wednesday, December 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the lobby of Glen's Market in Grayling. For more information, call 348-9005.

County offices to close for holiday

Crawford County, Court and Sheriff's administrative office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday and Friday, November 28-29. Sheriff's deputies will remain on regular patrol during this time. All offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, December 2.

Domestic shelter offers support for victims of sexual violence

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) recently announced a winning slogan for its five-year interactive Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign. The slogan, "Decide to End Sexual Violence!" was selected because of its positive and empowering tone and its call for responsible action.

Locally, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is embracing this slogan. The slogan will become part of its Sexual Violence Program, a program that offers counseling and support to victims, their families and friends. Along with direct service to victims, River House also offers education to the community.

Kathy Lamer, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator, supports this new slogan. "Each time a woman comes forward for counseling, she is making a decision to end the effects of sexual violence in her life," Lamer remarked.

In January, River House will be starting a support group for women who have been victims of sexual violence. The 10-week group will be offered in Grayling for those who want to begin or continue the healing process.

A prior participant in a support group observed, "The support group created a safety net. I knew there were other people out there like me. I was not alone."

Anyone who would like to find out more about the group or register to participate, should contact River House at 348-3169 or toll-free at 1-888-554-3169. Ask for Kathy or Maria. Pre-registration is required.



Happy Thanksgiving To All Our Friends

As we celebrate the many blessings that this year's harvest brings, we also give thanks for the wonderful people who grace and enrich our lives. We're proud to count you as friends!

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Rotary gives \$6,000 to help eradicate polio worldwide



Photo courtesy of the Grayling Rotary Club

Ross Childs (left), District Governor for Rotary District 6290, which includes Grayling, acknowledges receipt of a \$6,000 donation from Grayling Rotary Club members to be used in the fight to eliminate polio worldwide by 2005. The donation was presented by Grayling Rotary Club President Norm Schmooch (right) at one of the club's recent meetings. Since 1985, Rotary Clubs around the world have raised millions of dollars in an effort to eradicate polio. The final push is on to finish the job. Passing the original goal of raising \$150 million, Rotarians have collected \$252 million thus far. In this latest and final effort, a \$80 million goal has been set and the project is ahead of plan.

Wertz Warriors plan auction for Special Olympics

The Wertz Warriors Snowmobile Endurance Riders will hold their Special Olympics "Wertz Warriors" Auction this Saturday, November 30 at the Lakes of the North Clubhouse.

Pastor Hugger once again will entertain with his comedic flair while he auctions off all the new and handmade items. Viewing of items, including those for the silent auctions, and refreshments begin at 5 p.m. The live auction begins at 6 p.m.

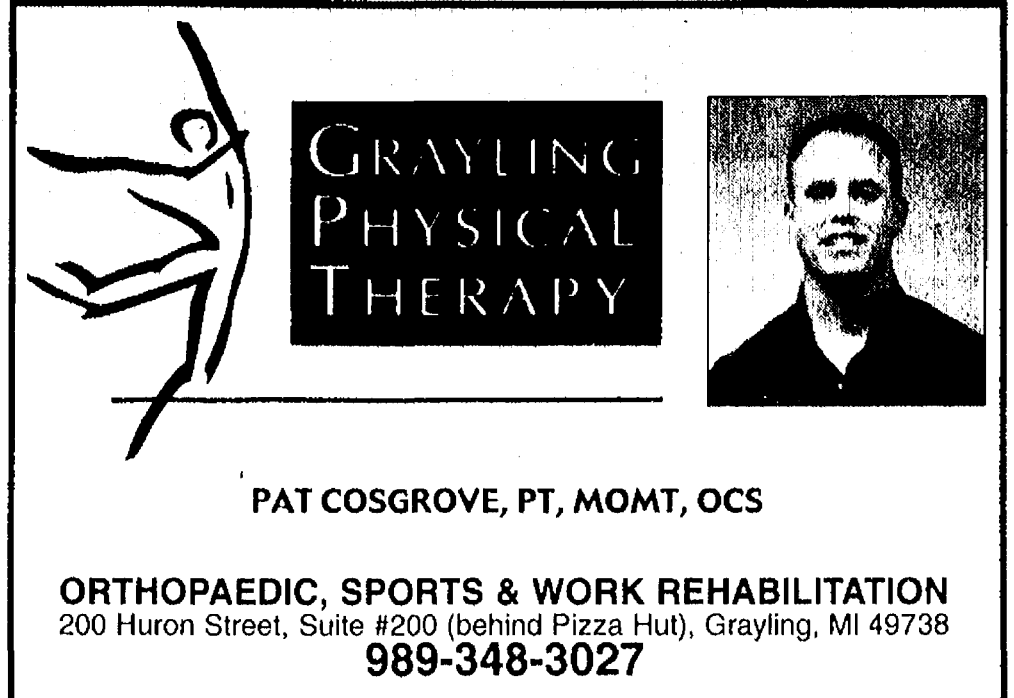
Items to be auctioned include food certificates, golf packages, men/women/kids surprise packages, toys, sport and collectible items, chocolates, cottage rentals, Christmas and holiday decorations, tools, services, stained glass, a wood carving, an afghan, a pine cupboard, and much more.

The Wertz Warriors will be preparing their famous Italian, Greek and Caesar wraps, along with beverages and desserts.

Lakes of the North is located between County Roads 38 and 42, 15 miles west of Gaylord and 13 miles east of Mancelona, on Pineview Drive.

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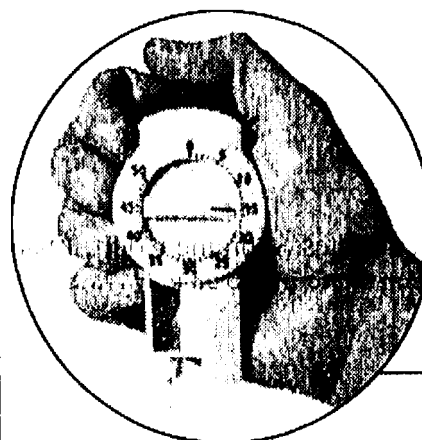
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Thanksgiving

We have a hymn we sing in Church, "Count Your Blessings." The first stanza says, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." The Chorus says, "Count your blessings, Name them one by one; Count your blessings, See what God hath done; Count your blessings, Name them one by one; Count your many blessings, See what God hath done."

"God Bless America" has become again our favorite American song and slogan since 9-11. The public testimony of the late Walter Brennan comes to mind. He once said that he seldom asked God for anything. He was so blessed already, he spent most of his time just praising and thanking God for all the blessings he had already received. I think of that everytime I see or hear "God Bless America." No nation on earth has every received more of God's blessings than America. Thanksgiving is a good time for all of us to set aside a time to praise and thank God for all His blessings.

A sovereign God gives every nation the government it deserves. I praise God for His mercy in giving us the best government on earth. I praise God for giving us the best military on earth. Psa. 144:1: "Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." I praise

God for making us the wealthiest nation on earth. Deut. 8:18: "But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." We should thank God we have the wealth and power to defend the precepts and principles of the Bible, the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution passed on to us by our forefathers.

Most of all, we should praise God for His unspeakable gift of our eternal salvation through faith in His Son Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." How can we ever thank and praise God enough for His love for us? John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We can only love God by first accepting His love gift to us. 1 John 4:19: "We love him, because he first loved us." 1 John 4:10: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

And how do we show our love and gratitude to such a wonderful God? We strive to keep the two greatest commandments of love He gave us. Deut. 6:5: "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart,

and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Our Lord Jesus repeated this commandment in Matthew 22:37, then went on to say in Matthew 22:38-40: "This is the first and great commandment. 39And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." If we will just love God first, others second, and self last, we will continue to be the most blessed and most grateful people on earth. Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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GMS names Students of the Month for November



Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for November are, from left: (front row) Candice Odden, Bruce Smith, Kyle Vansickle, Tabbitha Pelkey, Khrystal Patterson; (2nd row) Ethan Neuberger, Larissa Hohl, Chris Wells, Jesse Moggo, Adam Goscicki, Jacob Hurd, John Cochrane, Jacob Aubry, Aaron Nemeth; (3rd row) Ethan Lynch, Chrystal Schwartz, Laura Babbitt, Cammie Rae Harrington, Jessi Riddle, Stephanie Gaff, Patricia Patterson, Kristi Messerschmidt, Zach Rasmusson, Miescha McCuan; (back row) Samantha Respecki, Tim Hatley, Jordan Wakeley, Tim VanNuck, Teddy Gomez, Ryan Cooper, Kyle Jensen, Dillon Helsel. Not pictured: Mark McDaniel.

When it is Hard to be Thankful

In recent history, sad circumstances have befallen our nation. Our country has faced tragedy as well as political and economic challenges. As Thanksgiving Day approaches, some of us may also face personal challenges. If we focus on these, then we miss the message of Thanksgiving.

Instead, let us think about what God has given us. The Holy Spirit is always there, ready to fill our soul to overflowing when it is devoid of spiritual food. We must remember that our Creator is always in control even in the



worst of circumstances. How many times have our personal and national trials been used by God to ultimately become a blessing? Whatever your circumstances, won't you thank God for each day as He works in your life, for only with our Heavenly Father is there true hope. "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6) Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalms 147	Psalms 148	Psalms 149	Psalms 150	Revelation 4:1-11	Revelation 5:1-14	Revelation 19:1-10

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OBITUARIES

Irene Esther Estleman

May 1, 1908 - Nov. 21, 2002

Irene Esther Estleman, age 94, of Grayling, died Thursday, November 21 at Mercy Hospital. She was born on May 1, 1908 in Ypsilanti to Frederick and Cora (Whittaker) Howlett.

Irene was married to Randolph Steiner Estleman in July, 1928 in Angola, Indiana.

Mrs. Estleman, a resident of Grayling since 1989, was retired from Ann Arbor Bearing.

She enjoyed the study of astrology. She also made and gave away many afghans. In Crawford County she was known as "The Afghan Lady." She also enjoyed reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Randolph Steiner Estleman, on July 6, 1988, her parents, Frederick and Cora Howlett, one sister, Mary Howlett, and three brothers Charles, Homer and Lester Howlett.

She is survived by one daughter, Marlene (Eugene) Brown of Beaver Creek Township, one sister, Lucy (Lloyd) Reed of Ypsilanti, two grandchildren, Randy Brown of Grayling, Janet Parmer of Coldwell, TX, four great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and two special relatives, Charles and Loren Estleman, both of Whitmore Lake.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November, 24 at Sorenson Funeral Home, Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiating. Burial was at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Franz Frank Prelop

November 21, 2002

Franz Frank Prelop, age 47, died at his home in Grayling on November 21.

Private family services for Mr. Prelop were held.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Jane Ann Barr

Jan. 22, 1940 - Nov. 13, 2002

Jane Ann Barr, formerly of Grayling, passed away November 13. She was born January 22, 1940 in Mt. Pleasant.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Terrence and three daughters, Cindy Ann, Terri Lorrie and Lisa Marie.

She is survived by one son, Michael (Pamela) Weaver, one daughter, Debra Beck (Barr), and five grandchildren, Monica and Michael Weaver and Bethany, Jaimi and Kaili Barr.

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by Jan Farley

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28 & 29 - Thanksgiving Holidays and the Center will be closed.

December:

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Range firing scheduled during November 27 - November 30 is as follows: There is no range firing scheduled during November 27 through November 30.

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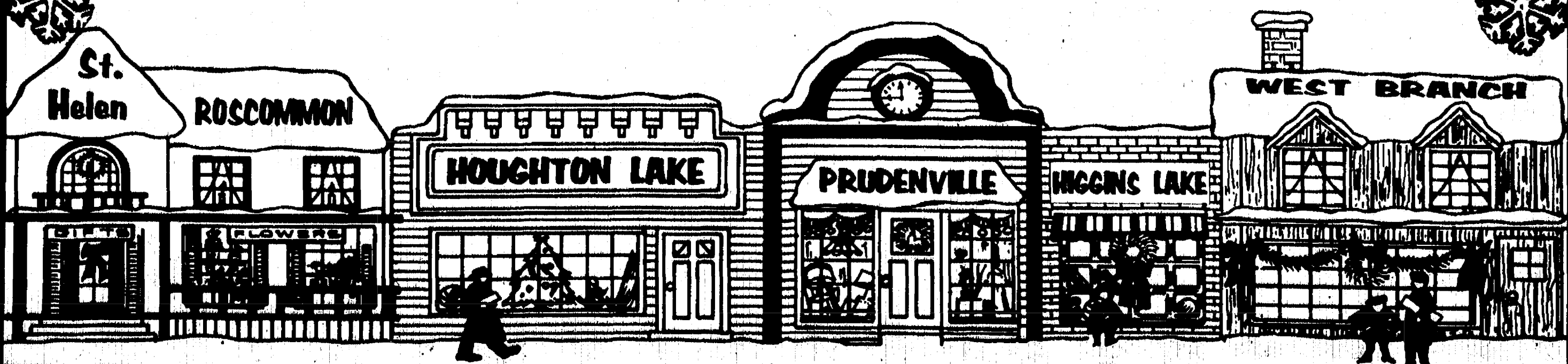
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LIBRARY NEWS

The Lego® programs at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford Library ended last week. Over 20 people stopped in to see all of the craft and vote on which one was the best design. Look for another Lego program next fall with the return of Master Model Builder Kurt Zimmerle whose over three-foot long Lego paddle boat still graces our display case.

Christmas crafts will be made after school Monday - Thursday this week. Sign up in advance to join the fun at the library either in person or by calling 348-9214.

Adopt a local family, make Christmas a bit brighter

The Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center's Christmas Project is just three weeks away, running December 16-20.

Families who need help this holiday season must sign up now. Call 348-6046 for more information.

Would your business, group or family like to Adopt-A-Family? It is a special way to celebrate Christmas and very rewarding to help those in need this time of year. Call the number above to help you find a family.

The HELP Center welcomes donations to Coats for Kids, mittens, hats, and socks, as well as Toys for Tots.

Cash or food donations will be accepted during regular business hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Large donations of food must be brought in by appointment to ensure the Center has enough help available and space for storage.

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New business honors Grayling's first postmistress

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

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Fannie Finn's offers head and shoulder portraiture, passports and business portraits, framing services and a chance to view and purchase the works of local artists, such as Terry Dickinson and Joan Dickerson-Peters.

In the future the business will also provide copy and restoration service of old photographs.

Davis has worked as a photographer and has owned her own framing business in Denver, Colorado.

Meroney is a professional photographer who has owned and operated multi-purpose photography

studios in several states and has won numerous awards for his photography in state and national competitions.

Traditional photography services are available, but Meroney has

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Local doctor has worldwide clientele

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Dr. Angus Goetz, an orthopedic surgeon who works in Grayling and Gaylord, has developed a worldwide clientele. It came about as a result of one of his instructors talking about the challenge and great feeling that came from helping people in third world countries who have little or no access to health care.

After Goetz got his practice established, he followed up on his interest in helping people in third world countries. He became a member of the medical advisory panel of Trinity International, a charitable group that answers requests for medical help from other countries. As one of their orthopedic consultants he receives x-rays on baffling or interesting cases from all over the world which helps Goetz learn about the type of cases he may be facing in third world countries.

His first trip was to Brazil in 1999 followed by a trip to Cuba in 2001.

This year he spent two and one half weeks in the Marshall Islands, located in the Pacific Ocean. The Marshall Islands were used as a test-

ing ground for nuclear weapons for over a decade. Island residents have a high incidence of cancer, in addition to leprosy, tuberculosis and malaria.

Goetz spent nine months assembling his team, getting the equipment and necessary supplies, and completing the paperwork involved. The team consisting of Goetz, nurse practitioner Carolyn Kellogg and nurse Kate Ellsworth (both from Traverse City), operated on over 50 people who normally would have no access to surgery.

In addition to the equipment, the team were also the recipients of many gifts for the children they would be helping.

While in the Marshall Islands the team ran on clinic on Sunday to meet and examine the patients and to set the operating schedule. On each day, Monday through Friday, they operated on six patients, on average. They had Saturdays to recuperate and do a little exploring.

Several of the patients they saw had cancerous growths removed to help them be more comfortable while waiting to die since the country does not offer any method to treat the disease.

The team also operated on people with club foot and correctly set bro-



Dr. Goetz (center), nurse Kate Ellsworth (left), and nurse practitioner Carolyn Kellogg volunteered their time to help many people in the Marshall Islands in September.

ken limbs that had not healed properly.

Goetz said one patient had been in the hospital with a broken leg and cancer for three months, without seeing his family. After Goetz and his team removed the tumor and set the leg, the man was so grateful, he wheeled 15 miles to the airport in a wheelchair just to say thanks.

While in the Marshall Islands Goetz talked with doctors from other

countries. These contacts resulted in invitations to Nepal for 2003 and Sri Lanka for 2004.

Goetz, a Detroit native, received his formal education at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. He said his move to this area approximately seven years ago was a fulfillment of one of his dreams because he spent lots of time as a child at his grandfather's cottage in the area.

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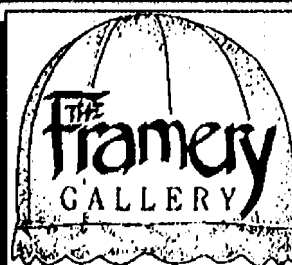
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New business honors Grayling's first postmistress

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

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Fannie Finn's offers head and shoulder portraiture, passports and business portraits, framing services and a chance to view and purchase the works of local artists, such as Terry Dickinson and Joan Dickinson-Peters.

In the future the business will also provide copy and restoration service of old photographs.

Davis has worked as a photographer and has owned her own framing business in Denver, Colorado.

Meroney is a professional photographer who has owned and operated multi-purpose photography

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Local doctor has worldwide clientele

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Dr. Angus Goetz, an orthopedic surgeon who works in Grayling and Gaylord, has developed a worldwide clientele. It came about as a result of one of his instructors talking about the challenge and great feeling that came from helping people in third world countries who have little or no access to health care.

After Goetz got his practice established, he followed up on his interest in helping people in third world countries. He became a member of the medical advisory panel of Trinity International, a charitable group that answers requests for medical help from other countries. As one of their orthopedic consultants he receives x-rays on baffling or interesting cases from all over the world which helps Goetz learn about the type of cases he may be facing in third world countries.

His first trip was to Brazil in 1999 followed by a trip to Cuba in 2001.

This year he spent two and one half weeks in the Marshall Islands, located in the Pacific Ocean. The Marshall Islands were used as a test-

ing ground for nuclear weapons for over a decade. Island residents have a high incidence of cancer, in addition to leprosy, tuberculosis and malaria.

Goetz spent nine months assembling his team, getting the equipment and necessary supplies, and completing the paperwork involved. The team consisting of Goetz, nurse practitioner Carolyn Kellogg and nurse Kate Ellsworth (both from Traverse City), operated on over 50 people who normally would have no access to surgery.

In addition to the equipment, the team were also the recipients of many gifts for the children they would be helping.

While in the Marshall Islands the team ran on clinic on Sunday to meet and examine the patients and to set the operating schedule. On each day, Monday through Friday, they operated on six patients, on average. They had Saturdays to recuperate and do a little exploring.

Several of the patients they saw had cancerous growths removed to help them be more comfortable while waiting to die since the country does not offer any method to treat the disease.

The team also operated on people with club foot and correctly set broken



Dr. Goetz (center), nurse Kate Ellsworth (left), and nurse practitioner Carolyn Kellogg volunteered their time to help many people in the Marshall Islands in September.

ken limbs that had not healed properly.

Goetz said one patient had been in the hospital with a broken leg and cancer for three months, without seeing his family. After Goetz and his team removed the tumor and set the leg, the man was so grateful, he wheeled 15 miles to the airport in a wheelchair just to say thanks.

While in the Marshall Islands Goetz talked with doctors from other

countries. These contacts resulted in invitations to Nepal for 2003 and Sri Lanka for 2004.

Goetz, a Detroit native, received his formal education at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. He said his move to this area approximately seven years ago was a fulfillment of one of his dreams because he spent lots of time as a child at his grandfather's cottage in the area.

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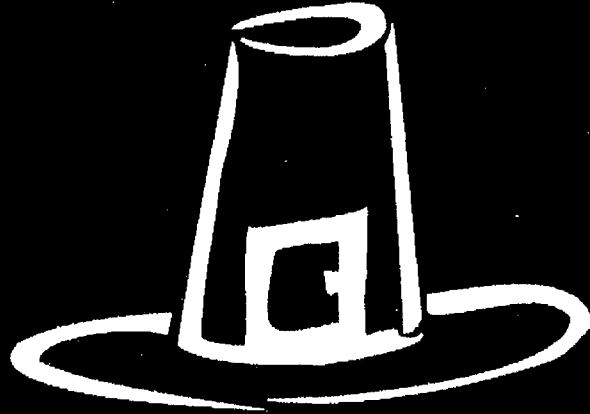
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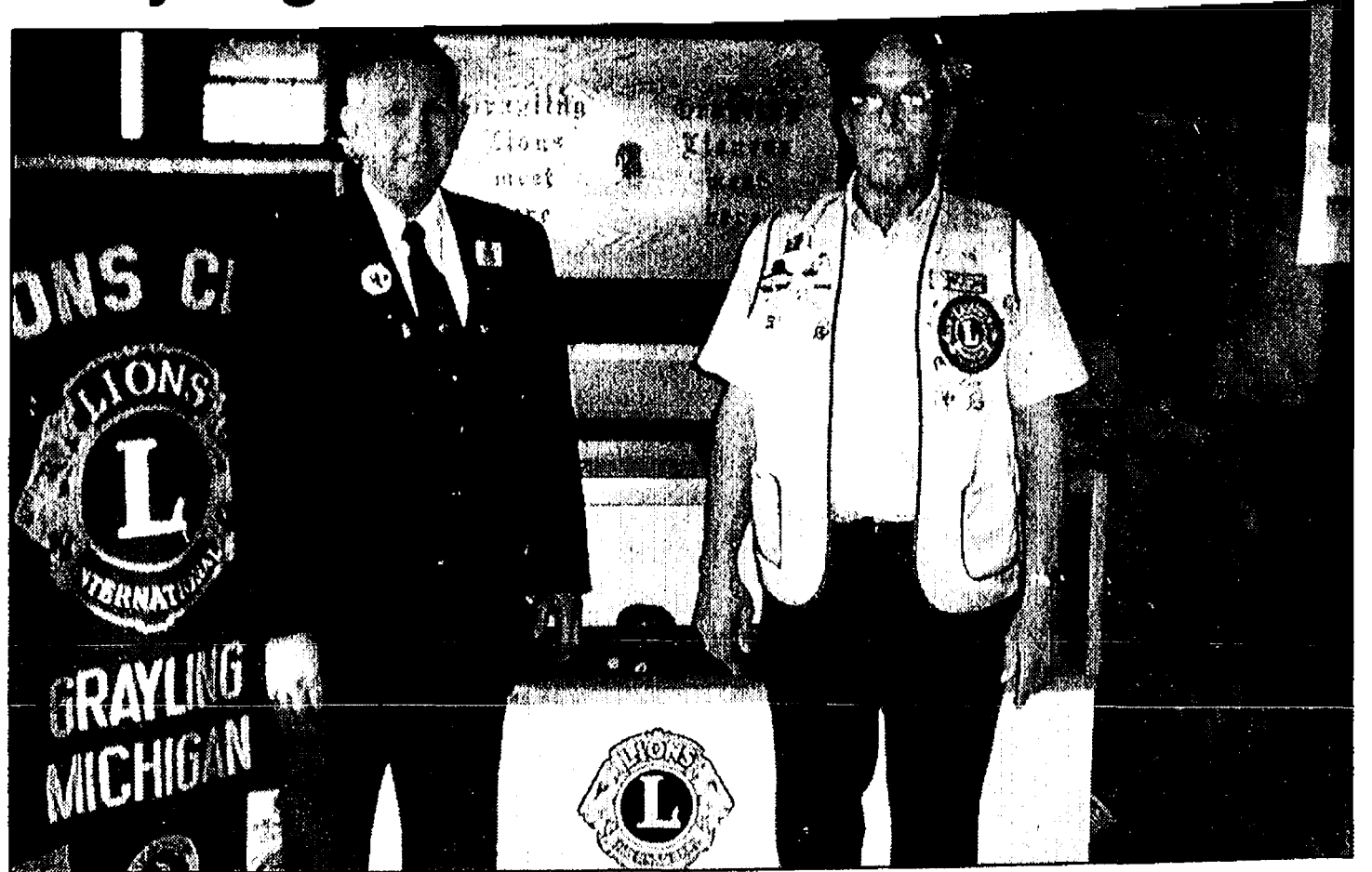


Photo courtesy of the Grayling Lions Club

District Vice Governor Bob Prause (left) and Grayling Lions Club President Bob Weller announce the new permanent home of the Grayling Lions Club at Skyline Ski and Country Club, just south of Grayling off of Old 27. The club holds regular dinner meetings every third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. The public is invited to "come and experience Lionism."

THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

Miss Pam Williams' first grade class joined a mascot project with five other schools around the U.S., sending a stuffed Dalmatian named Spotty to New York in October. In exchange, the class received a turtle named Taylor from New Jersey.

The mascot has a chance to go home with a different student each night. Each time the mascot moves on, so does a story about its visit to each class and home.

The AuSable Primary School held its annual turkey decorating for Thanksgiving. Each family was sent home a turkey to be decorated by the whole family, to be returned along with a story of what they have to be thankful for. Also, an optional request was made for each student to bring in a canned food item to add to the pantry, to be given to a needy family this Thanksgiving. What holiday spirit - kids can teach

us a lot!

Mrs. Suzanne Williams and Mrs. Lori Fox treated their 2/3 multi-grade classes to a Reward Behavior Party. Those who were eligible, went to Gaylord to the theater to see "Santa Clause 2."

On November 14, Mrs. Pam Alexander and Mrs. Cheryl Hatfield's first grade classes walked over to Mercy Manor for another visit with the residents. Students enjoyed activities planned for both them and the residents. On November 21, many of the classes in the AuSable Primary School took a field trip to see "Santa Claus 2" at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Everybody is getting into the holiday spirit.

All the fifth grade students from Grayling Elementary and Frederic Elementary Schools will be going to see the movie, "Harry Potter," in Gaylord on November 27. This will be a great opportunity for the two schools to mingle.

"Reading Night" on November 19, at Grayling Elementary was deemed successful. Approximately 150 people (parents and children) attended the event. This was an opportunity for the Title I staff to share what strategies teachers are using to ensure every student is reading to the best of his or her ability.

The classroom teachers also modeled the strategies of "making connections" and "questioning" in small groups and the parents had an opportunity to read to their child and model the same strategies. Every family received a book to take home at the end of the evening.

November 28-29: No school Happy Thanksgiving.

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'Oklahoma!' wows local audiences at GHS

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The musical *Oklahoma!* was put on by the students at Grayling High School November 21 - 23 at the Joseph Stripe auditorium. The production, directed by Andrea Binert, involved 55 students.

The two student directors were Maggie VanGuilder and Kristal Schallau.

Crew members were Ashley Bancroft, Emily Dunckley, Shane Ferrell, Charley McNamara, Coleman Payne, Nicole Millar and Tom Pilon.

The vocal music director and conductor was Karen Ross and the pianist was Deb Hadley.

Casey Mahaffey, Mallory Olson, Kip Franklin, Jason Henning, Kyle Seewald, Todd Gaffke, Nick Henning, Andi Holzbauer, Will Brewer, Apryle Rugenstein, and Ken Heinlein made up the pit band.

Matt Bishop and Dave Gott were the instrumental music directors and Mark Binert was the technical director for the production.

Mike Yost, Angel Adair, Jamie Wyss, Jeny Long, Beth Lucey, Beth Brewer, Annette Morris, Kim Long, Tabatha Rashid, Megan Fekete, Hannah Miller, Justin Spencer, Andrew Vos, Rich Ryan, Mike Cole, Chuck Hughes and Zak Timmons made up the chorus.

Danielle Fedak, Summer Coe, Becky Ramaswamy, Jessica Wakeley, Chelsea Currison and Amber Edgerton made up the ladies ensemble.

Stephanie Wakeley was Aunt Eller, Jesse VanSlyke was Curly, and Maeghan Corwin was Laurey.

Cody Myers was Jud Fry, Eric Hunter was Will Parker, and Lexi Bondar was Ado Annie Carnes.

Charles Peterson was Ali Hakim, Andrea Dunckley was Gertie Cummings, and Ben Lucey was Andrew Carnes.

James Lawrence was Ike Skidmore, Tony Thomas was Cord Elam, Kyle Luce was Fred and Austin Andrus was Slim.



Will Parker (Eric Hunter), (far right) tells Aunt Eller (Stephanie Wakeley) and his friends about Kansas City.



Laurey and the ladies ensemble discuss falling in love.



Above: The peddler Ali Hakim (Charles Peterson) discusses the possibility of marriage with Andrew Carnes (Ben Lucey) and Ado Annie Carnes (Lexi Bondar).



Above: Jud Fry (Cody Myers) and Curly discuss the way people would miss Jud.

"Oklahoma!" photos
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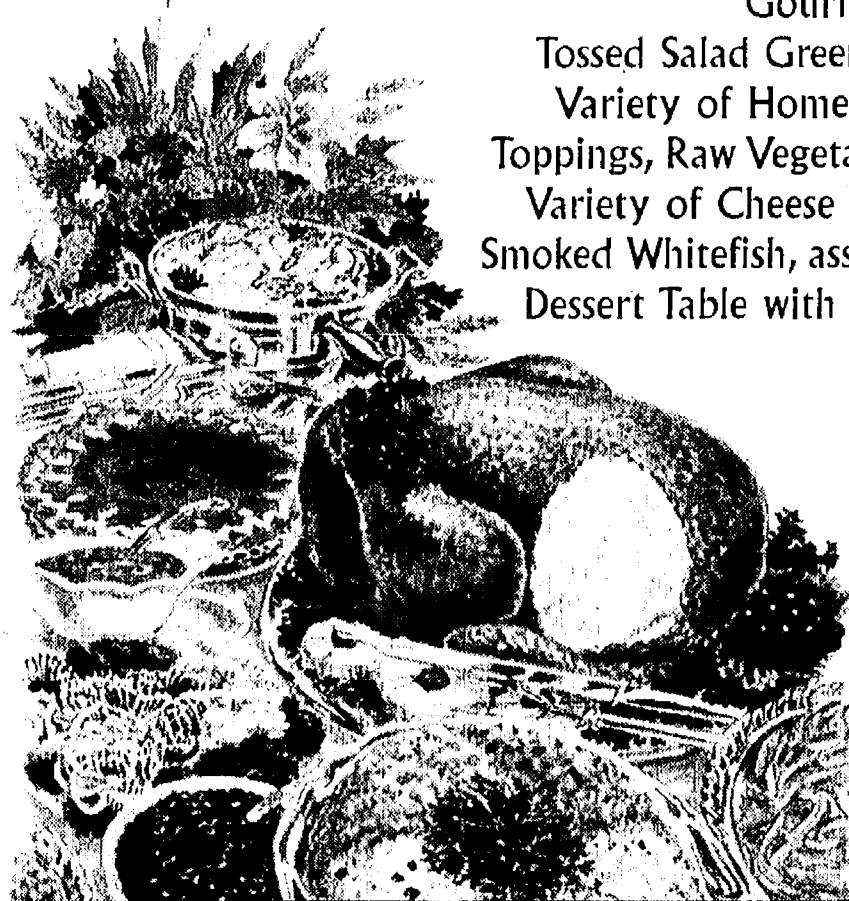
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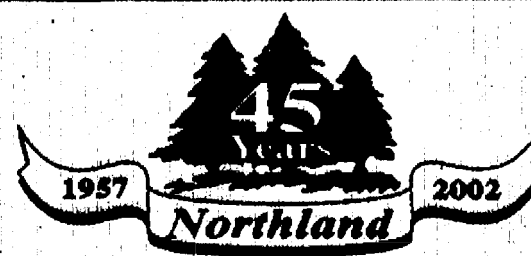
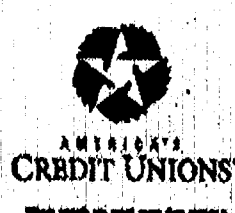
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Hon. John G. Hunter

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Jeffrey Richard Rozeck, age 41 of Rockwood - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$710 fines/costs or 71 days in jail.

Ruth Ann Ordiway, age 28 of Kalkaska - Non-sufficient funds check under \$100; \$160 fines/costs and \$58.63 restitution.

Philip Floyd Faustman, age 61 of Grayling - Reckless driving; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Bradley Alan Daneluk, age 21 of Frederic - Minor in possession/transport in motor vehicle and impaired driving; \$1,010 fines/costs or 93 days in jail.

Jerry Dwayne Heaven, age 31 of Prudenville - OUIL/per se; \$1,260 fines/costs or 93 days in jail, 45 days in jail with credit for 40 days and placed on 182 days probation.

Robin Renee Kesteloot, age 45 of Frederic - OUIL/per se; \$890 fines/costs or 81 days in jail.

Christopher Allen Culpert, age 34 of Highland - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Dennis Michael Miller, age 35 of Oak Park - OUIL/per se and License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$1,670 fines/costs or 93 days in jail, placed on 182 days probation.

Aaron Lavelle Smith, Jr., age 28 of Clinton Township - OUIL/per se; \$910 fines/costs or 91 days in jail, 45 days in jail with credit for 45 days, placed on 182 days probation.

Jonathan Gregory Osim, age 18 of Roscommon - Person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; \$110 fines/costs.

Ryan Alan Ross, age 19 of Roscommon - License plate expired, impaired driving; \$910 fines/costs or 93 days in jail.

Edward John Yester Jr., age 33 of Lapeer - Impaired driving; \$400 fines/costs or 40 days in jail.

Michael Shon Price, age 41 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Susan Margaret Beckwith, age 37 of St. Louis - Impaired driving; \$850 fines/costs or 85 days in jail.

Lawrence Nelson Baker Jr., age 20 of Frederic - OUIL/per se; \$910 fines/costs or 93 days in jail, placed on 182 days probation.

Joshua Allen Spencer, age 17 of Frederic - Trespass - forbidden/refused to depart, minor purchase/possess/consume alcohol; \$1,080 fines/costs or 90 days in jail, placed on 182 days probation.

Jackie Thomas Morris, age 50 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

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Richard Lee Kuelske, age 43 of Roscommon - OUIL/per se; \$660 fines/costs or 66 days in jail, 90 days in jail with credit for 75 served, placed on 182 days probation.

Jane Marie Neal, age 42 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Angela Marie Karen, age 29 of Comins - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate, operate without security; \$920 fines/costs or 92 days in jail, placed on 182 days probation.

Dianne Michelle Robinson, age 35 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery, attempt to resist/obstruct officer; \$1,010 fines/costs or 93 days in jail.


John Henry Rogers Jr., age 45 of Monroe - Impaired driving; \$500 fines/costs or 50 days in jail.

Cynthia DuBois Hommel, age 51 of Farmington Hills - Impaired driving; \$500 fines/costs or 50 days in jail.

Patrick James Fisher, age 25 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Melanie Anne Mateos, age 25 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

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DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10

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Community Calendar for December, 2002

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for December. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: December 4

83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for October, 2002

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Ernestine Ann Bryans, age 74 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Walter Dee Norton, age 64 of Cheboygan - Disorderly person/drink; \$60 fines/costs or six days in jail.

Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney Deron Lee Oliver, age 33 of Mio - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$209 fines/costs or 10 days in jail.

Joshua Mark Jurkovich, age 17 of Grayling - minor in possession of cigarettes; \$59 fines/costs.

Anthony Parker, age 51 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$184 fines/costs or 10 days in jail.

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Mark Louis Franklin, age 28 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$579 fines/costs.

and 18.
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NOTICE: The Health Department will be closed December 24 and 25 for the holidays.

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United Way reaches 30 percent of goal

► Next up is Care Night fund-raiser, scheduled for January 25, 2003

The Crawford County United Way continues to campaign for local contributions. Executive Director April Brunger said 30 percent of the 2003 goal has been reached.

With 70 percent of funding still to be raised, Brunger has announced the next local fund-raising event: the CARE Night Auction planned for January 25, 2003 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling.

Standing for "Community, Auction, Raffle and Entertainment," CARE Night 2003 is geared to continue the success of last year's event, offering a variety

of interesting items for bidding. "We plan to have casino packages and tickets to some major sporting events, as well as some wonderful items similar to those we had last year. There will also be many new surprise items to help encourage attendance at this terrific event."

Crawford County United Way works to identify the needs within the community by working with 16 local agencies in order to provide funding to help those who are victims of domestic violence, homelessness, lack enough food, or need substance abuse counseling, just to name a few.

"All proceeds from this event will go directly to the agencies we help to improve the lives of many families and individuals in need," Brunger said. "The United Way is very proud to lend financial support through the generous donations of Crawford County resi-

dents."

Brunger is asking everyone in the community to mark their calendars and plan on attending the CARE Night Auction, promising a fun-filled evening for all. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and admission will be \$5 per person. The admission price has been lowered to allow more people to afford to attend, making this a real community event.

There will be bucket raffles and auctioning of some very special services by local celebrities, just like last year. More details will be published in the *Avalanche* as the event nears.

Anyone wishing to donate items or volunteer time should contact any United Way board member or call the local chapter at 344-9300.

E-mail correspondence is also welcome at ccuw2002@yahoo.com.

Oil silo, gas line keep fire fighters busy

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wells out of Traverse City, to extinguish the fire.

Michigan State Police Troopers, along with the Otsego County United Way, also assisted at the scene. Department of Natural Resources fire fighters remained on standby until the fire was out. In all, Pratt said at least 30 people assisted, including seven from Frederic. The fire was finally out around 1 a.m. Thursday morning.

Just two hours after being called to assist in Waters, Frederic fighters received a call to investigate a possible gas line rupture in their own

township.

Chief Pratt said the second call came in around 7 p.m. after two hunters reported hearing a hissing sound coming out of the ground in the area of DeWard and Cameron Bridge Roads.

Short-staffed because of the Waters fire, Grayling City and Township fire fighters were called to assist. The source of the hissing sound was determined to be a ruptured four-inch natural gas line. Gas was found escaping from a six-inch hole in the ground and shooting 10 to 15 feet into the air, but no fire or explosion was sparked.

Fifteen homes in the area were evacuated as a precaution.

Pratt said there was some initial confusion over who owned the gas line and calls were made to several gas companies with wells in the area, to no avail. All fire fighters

could do was standby until the gas line was shut down.

Finally, with an urgent call from Beaver Creek Fire Chief Ed Holtecamp, personnel from Quicksilver Resources in Gaylord came to the scene and shut down the flow of gas, but not before the hole in the ground had grown to six feet wide. Pratt said gas was shooting higher than the tree tops from the build up of pressure in the line.

Pratt described both the oil and natural gas incidents as potentially volatile and a cause of great concern for public safety.

Fortunately, no one was hurt at the gas line rupture and those evacuated were back in their homes by 10:45 p.m.

"I've got a great group of dedicated people here in Frederic," said Chief Pratt, "and received a great deal of assistance from Grayling."

Visitors have new way to take a look at Grayling

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the mapping as those who visit the site may research and pinpoint just where they would like to investigate opportunities to buy or build a second or year-round home, or establish a new business. The maps also show what land is privately owned and which is public.

Tourist can use the site to map out their vacation and recreation plans. For instance, snowmobilers may chose to check out a motel near one of the county's many trails, learn where the nearest eatery is located, where they can easily gas up or find a snack. Hikers, cyclists and campers can do the same before

ever traveling to the area.

Along with Crawford County, maps of Otsego and Roscommon Counties are also available at the site.

Eventually, MichiganMaps Online will cover the northern half of lower Michigan and all of the Upper Peninsula. Cartography and detailing for the three-county area has been a five-year undertaking.

Wilson and Miles agreed the site in no way will replace the paper recreation and trail maps available of the area, but is a wonderful new tool to help more people become acquainted with Crawford County and its many assets.

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Blazers knock Grayling out of play-offs

► Kalkaska wins round one District basketball match 75-50 at GHS

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Blazers of Kalkaska defeated Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team 75-50 last Monday in a round one District Tournament match at GHS. The loss eliminated the Vikings from the play-offs, ending their 2002 season.

Both teams scored a lot of points in the first eight minutes of play, but Kalkaska pulled away in the second and third quarters to put the game out of reach for the Vikings.

Kalkaska scored first with a jump shot and a three-pointer. A shot inside by Czapke and a jumper by Tracy Parkinson pulled Grayling within one. The Blazers scored six unanswered points to take an 11-4 lead.

A three-point play, a put-back, and a shot inside – all by Czapke – tied the game at 11-11. (Czapke had 11 points in the first quarter for GHS.)

Kalkaska took a three-point advantage with a free throw and a jump shot. Put-backs by Ashley Hawley and Czapke and one by Kalkaska left Grayling trailing 16-15. A lay-up by Kim Mitchell on a long pass from Ashley Bancroft put Grayling up by one, 17-16.

The Blazers scored the last six points of the period to take a 22-17 lead into the second quarter.

Kalkaska scored nine unanswered points to open the second period. The run extended Kalkaska's lead to 14.

The Blazers outscored GHS 24-9 in the quarter, overall. The Vikings scored their nine points on a jump shot by Green, a put-back by Hawley, a shot inside by Mitchell, and free throws by Green, Czapke, and Skylynn Palmer.

Kalkaska led 46-26 at halftime. The Blazers added 19 more points to their total (to Grayling's 12) in the third period.

The Vikings scored their 12 on a jumper by Bancroft, a put-back by Hawley, a three-pointer by Mitchell, a three-point play by Czapke, and a put-back by Green.

The Blazers took a 65-38 edge into the fourth quarter.

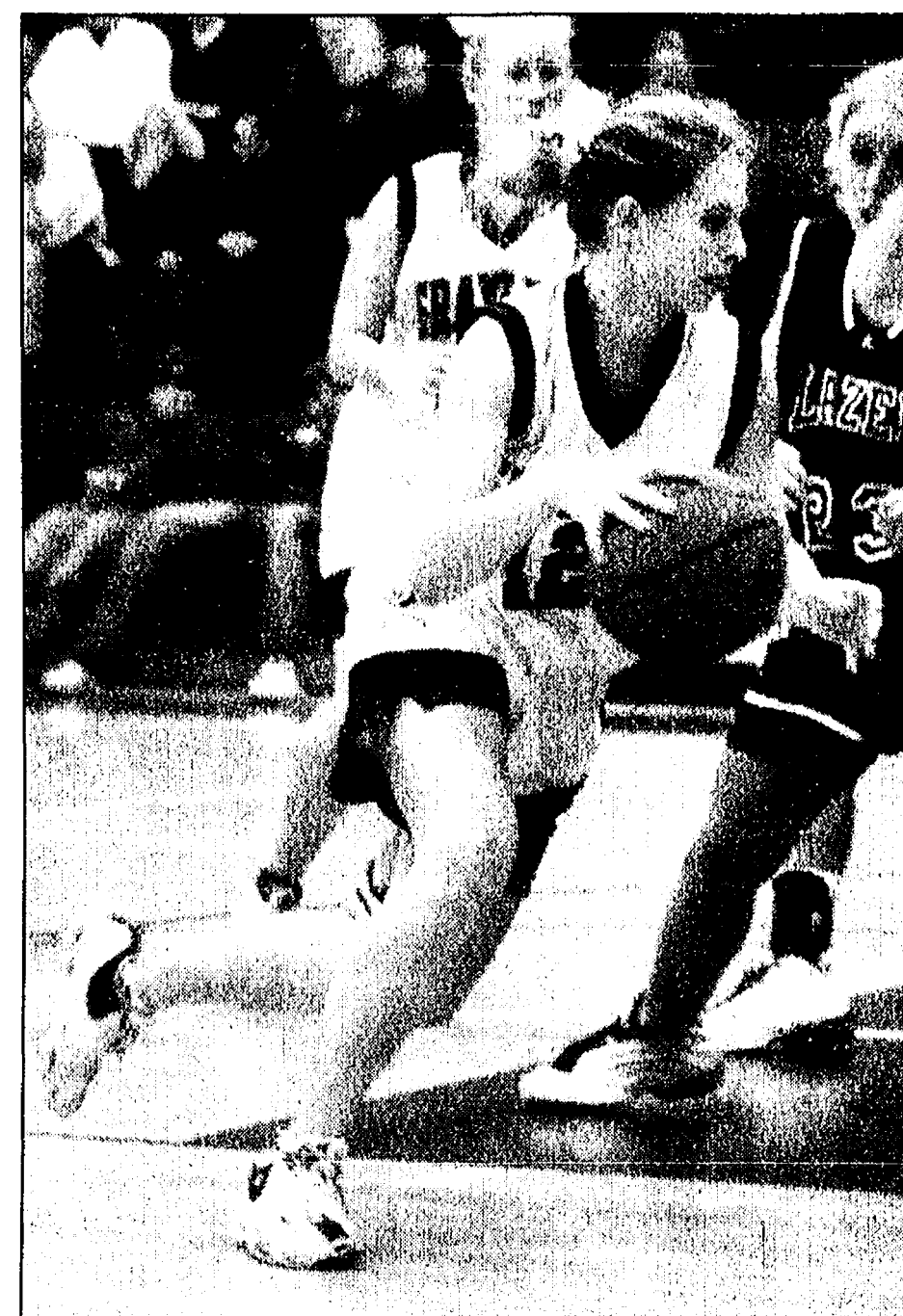
The Vikings made up a little ground in the fourth, but Kalkaska finished 25 points ahead to win the game.

Grayling scored 12 fourth quarter points with a shot inside by Katie Baynham, a triple by Hawley, a triple by Parkinson, a shot inside by Czapke, and free throws by Green and Jessica Stewart.

Czapke was the leading scorer for Grayling with 17 points. Hawley finished with nine points.



Mandy Czapke grabs a rebound in last Monday's District game vs. Kalkaska.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Jessica Green drives the ball inside against the Blazers last week in Districts.



Ashley Hawley takes a defensive stance underneath the basket in the Kalkaska game.



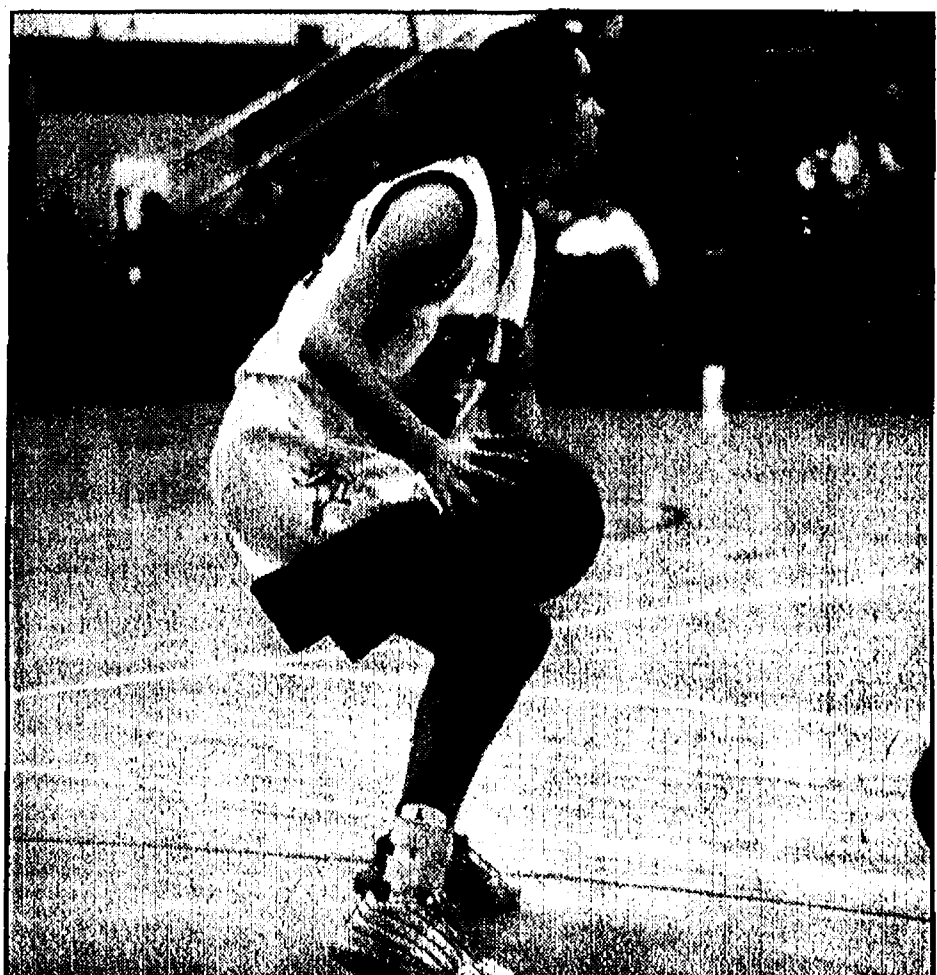
Kim Mitchell takes a three-point shot last week against the Blazers.



Katie Baynham handles the ball for Grayling.



Ashley Bancroft takes a jump shot on Monday night.



Tracy Parkinson looks for an open teammate.

Five Vikings earn all-league honors

► Football squad announces team awards, All-NEMC selections

The Grayling High School varsity football team recently announced its team awards for the 2002 season and all-conference honorees.

Five Vikings earned all-league nods in the North East Michigan Conference this year. Adam Kaiser was named to the all-conference "first team" as a wide receiver; Roy Czapek made the "second team" as a linebacker; and Chris Wakeley

(quarterback), Greg Morrill (defensive line), and Andy Strohpaul (defensive back) each earned an "honorable mention."

Czapek won the team's MVP award, and the Viking Hitter of the Year Award (for "best defensive player"). Czapek led the team in tackles with 119 (84 solo, 35 assists).

Morrill was the recipient of the Michael Goodrich Memorial Award (for "best offensive lineman").

Kaiser was named "Most Improved Player," and Dan Mahaney won the award for "Most Dedicated."

Kaiser was the team's leading

receiver this year with 23 catches for 320 yards and two touchdowns.

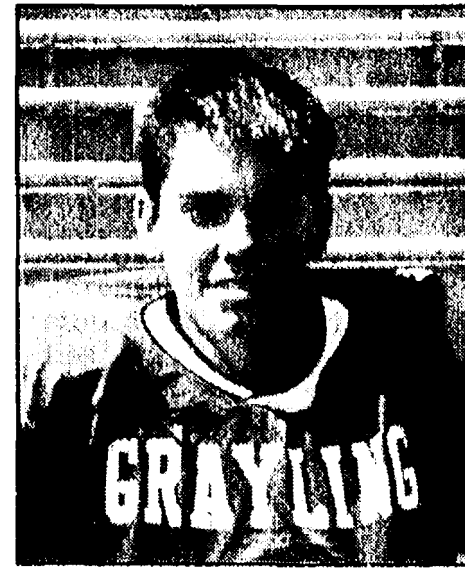
Shawn Gabriel caught 13 passes for 150 yards and one TD, and Travis Helsel had seven receptions for 141 yards and two TDs.

Wakeley passed for 811 yards on 66 completions with six touchdowns and seven interceptions this year.

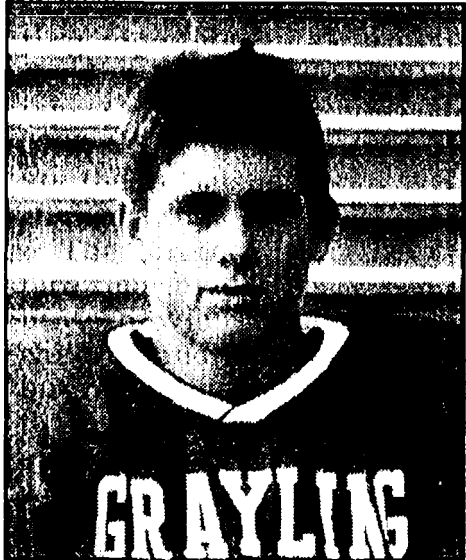
The leading rushers for GHS this season were:

Roy Middleton, 172 yards; Matt Strohpaul, 133 yards; Shawn Gabriel, 117 yards, 1 TD.

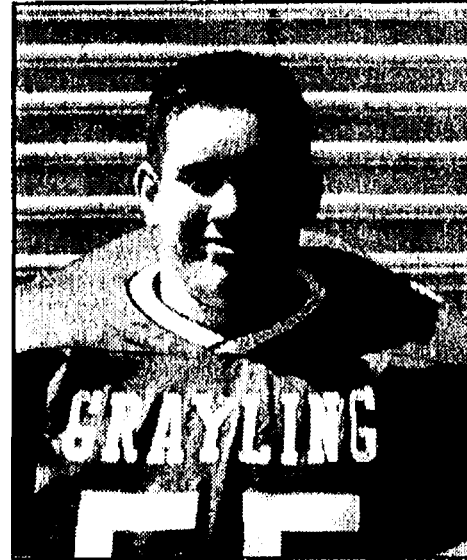
Brett Mead led the squad in touchdowns with four (one rushing, three receiving).



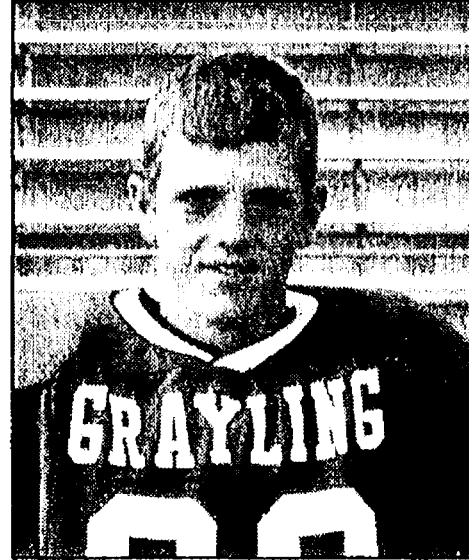
Adam Kaiser (WR)
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"Honorable Mention"



Andy Strohpaul (DB)
All-Conference
"Honorable Mention"



Chris Wakeley (QB)
All-Conference
"Honorable Mention"

Compliance plan accepted by District Court in sports seasons case

EAST LANSING — On Friday, November 8, the United States District Court in Kalamazoo accepted the compliance plan submitted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) to reschedule its post-season tournaments consistent with the District Court's opinion and order of August 1, 2002.

Unless the MHSAA prevails on appeal, it will reschedule its Lower Peninsula golf and tennis tournaments, moving girls tennis and boys golf from fall to spring and boys tennis and girls golf from spring to fall.

The MHSAA will offer Upper Peninsula soccer tournaments for boys in the spring and girls in the fall.

"This configuration complies with the Court's August 1 Injunctive Order," states the Final Injunctive Order issued on November 8.

Girls basketball and volleyball seasons would also be reversed by the Court's order of August 1. However, all these changes are subject to appeal, and on May 9, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio, stayed the District Court's order that the changes take place in the 2003-04 school year.


In issuing its stay of the District Court's order that seasons be changed, the Sixth Circuit stated, "...it is clear the stay motion raises serious appellate issues concerning liability under Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause."

The decision also states, "...the defendant (MHSAA) has articulated a variety of harms that it, its member schools, and student-athletes may suffer if it must comply with the injunction by bringing its scheduling into compliance with the district court's ruling..."

The first round of the Circuit Court appeals process is expected to take approximately one year, delaying the implementation of any District Court ordered plan until at least the 2004-05 school year.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce

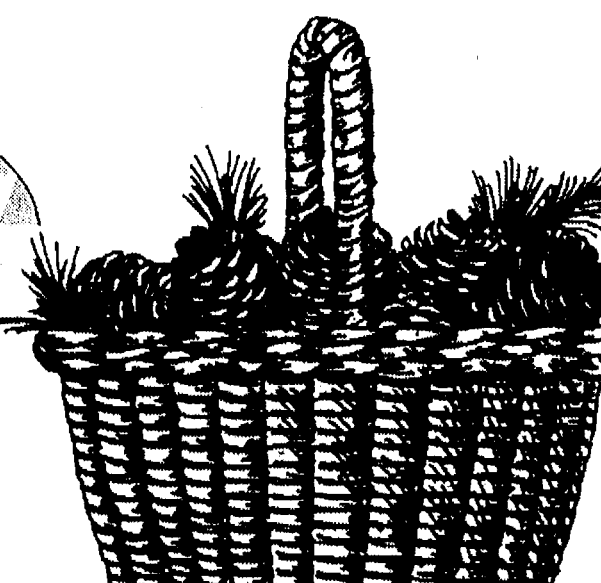
these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.




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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

WARREN - Nothing wrong with the Kirtland Firebirds that a batch of passports wouldn't fix. But Coach Glen Donahue had something even more drastic after two demoralizing losses last weekend: "I've got a call in to Dr. Kevorkian."

Just as well then, that Dr. Death is behind prison walls. Such is the roller-coaster existence of a coach. Donahue and his squad were flying high after a pair of lopsided victories - by an average of 40 points - over two Canadian clubs the weekend before. But in games a week later against competition his team is more likely to face all season long, the 'Birds crash-landed.

After a 93-73 loss Friday night to Owens Community College in the opener of the Macomb Tournament, Kirtland fell to Lake Michigan 88-76 on Saturday.

"We certainly competed well enough," Donahue said, "but we made a lot of fundamental mistakes - unforced errors."

And it was a team effort. "Everybody was involved," he said. "Especially in the second game. We missed a lot of easy shots and had so many turnovers and foul problems. We had four players foul out of the game. That certainly didn't help us get any continuity - in our offense, especially."

So how did the Hall of Fame coach plan to turn things around again in this season of high optimism for his team?

"We have to get right back to the basic fundamentals of the game in our practices," he said.

On the bright side, Donahue grudgingly added, 7-foot sophomore center Alvidas Gedminas

appears to be making a healthy comeback after missing all last season with a foot injury. He had 14 points and 15 rebounds against Lake Michigan in one of the best games of his career.

"It was good for him. He's been struggling to get there physically, to make a comeback," Donahue said, "and I think he showed us he can do that."

Other notable efforts against Lake Michigan: Terrance Coker had 18 points, Eugene Phillips had 13, and Reuben Edwards had 12 points and nine rebounds. In the opener against Owens, Phillips led all scorers with 21, Coker had 13 and Andy Topie and Jeremy Rau contributed 10 each for the Firebirds.

Womens Team

ONTARIO - Doubleheaders may work fine in baseball, but in college basketball they're questionable at best. At least that's how Kirtland's Lady Firebirds felt after running out of gas down the stretch in the finals of the Big Eight Championship last weekend.

Playing their third game in less than 24 hours, the Lady 'Birds were flying on empty in the title game against Jamestown (New York) College on Saturday night, losing 58-53. Tip-off was at 7 p.m. They advanced to the finals with a 66-52 victory over Durham College in a game that began at 3 p.m. In the opener of the eight-team tournament, Kirtland clobbered Mohawk College, 79-44.

Six of the eight teams were from Canada.

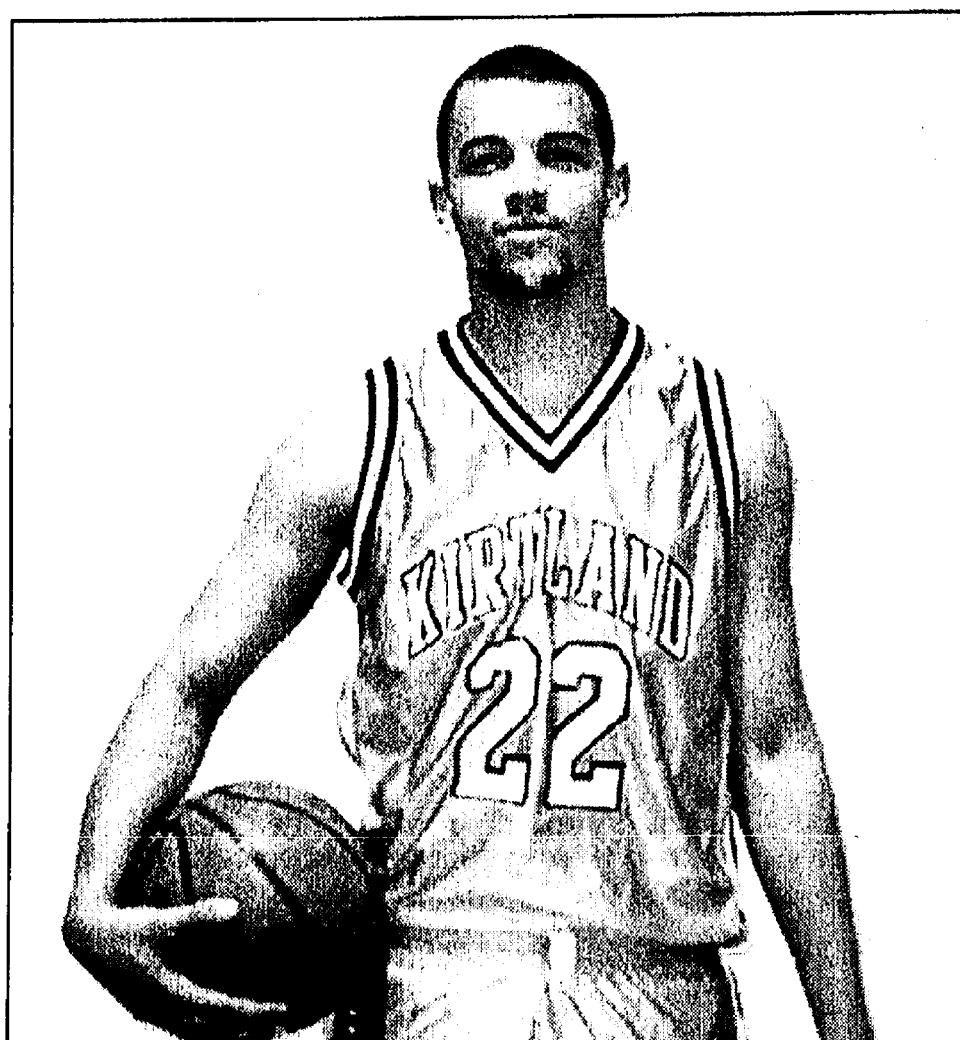
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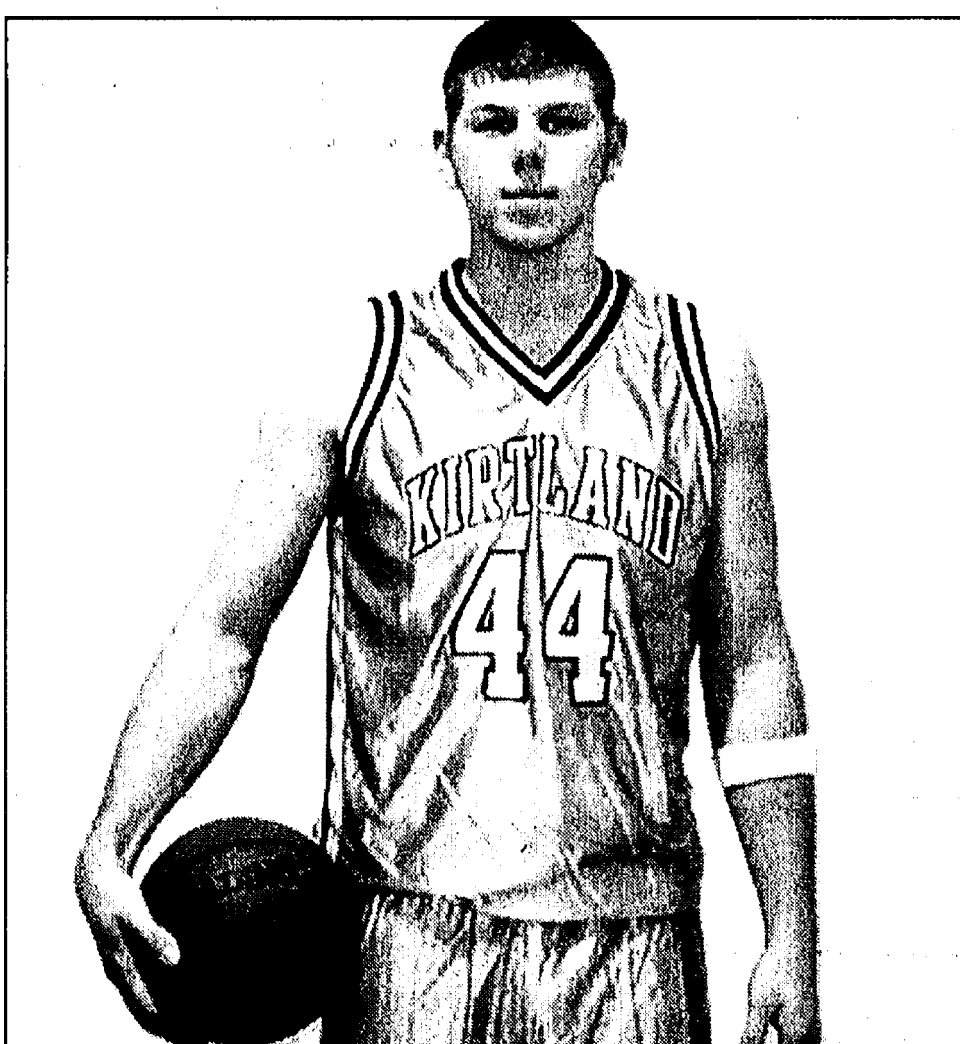
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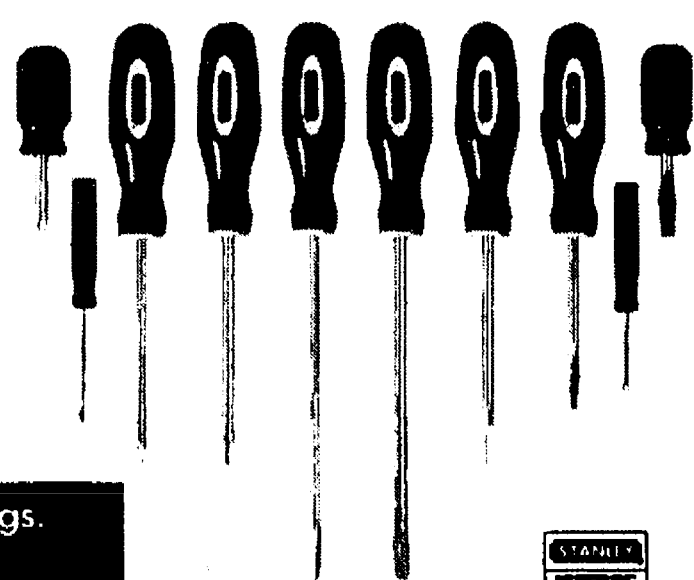
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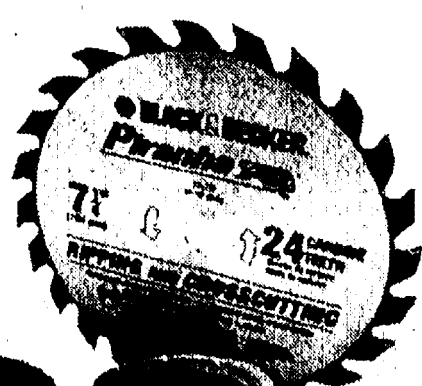


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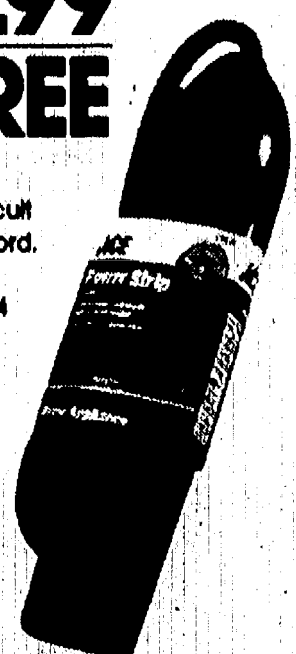


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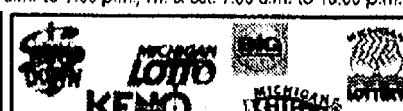
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

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"I was very happy with the way our team played," coach Jimmy Parker said after his team's second straight second-place finish in the Big Eight Classic. "I'm very proud of the girls."

"We were ahead by nine at the half and our defense was playing really well. But with about six minutes to go, we just stopped. It seemed like we hit a brick wall."

When Jamestown went ahead, we stayed with them until we had to start fouling, and they made their shots."

The loss dropped Kirtland to 2-2. Jamestown, which played its second game at 1 p.m., giving players an opportunity to nap a few hours, improved to 6-0.

Former Mio AuSable High teammates Becca Miller and Jeni Kemp were named to the all-tournament

team. Miller, a sophomore guard, had 13 points in each of the first two games and nine in the finals. Kemp, a freshman forward, had 17 points and six rebounds in the opener, 21 points to lead all scorers with seven rebounds in the second game, and nine points in the finals.

Sophomore center Jillian Schultz had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the finals. She also had 18 points and nine rebounds off the bench in

the opening game, bouncing back from a horrific 0-11 shooting performance from the floor in the season-opening, 70-60 loss to Muskegon at Mio High.

ROSCOMMON — Jenny Rausch scored 35 points to power Davenport University to a 71-70 come-from-behind victory Tuesday over Kirtland.

The Lady Firebirds raced to an 18-6 lead in the opening minutes and watched it evaporate when Davenport took a 46-38 lead into the intermission.

Kirtland forged a comeback against the all-freshmen visitors on the strength of 22 points and 10 rebounds from Jeni Kemp, 17 points and 12 rebounds from Becca Miller and 13 points from Lori Hinkle. But they fell short in their second straight loss to fall to 2-3.



Jeni Kemp



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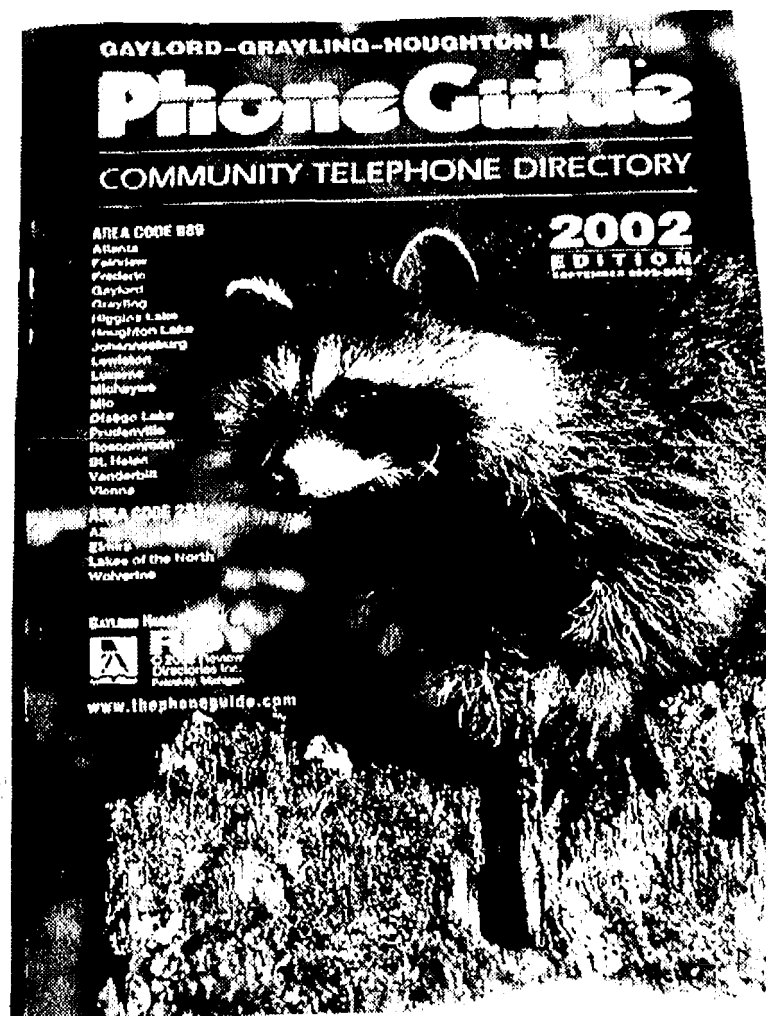
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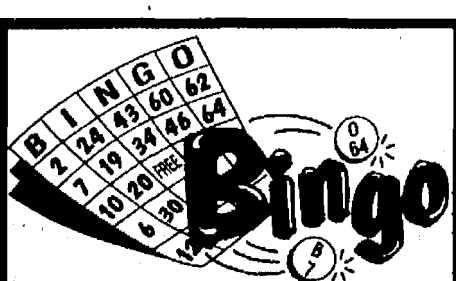
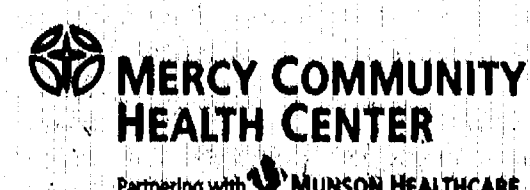
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True/False

1. Deer are strong swimmers, in part because they have a layer of hair that is hollow, providing buoy-

- any in the water.
- Deer have existed for 20 million years, and have had the same basic form for the last one million years.
- Deer can run in excess of 35 miles per hour.
- Deer can leap over fences eight feet tall.
- Deer can cover 30 feet in a horizontal leap.
- Just like humans, deer have a set of "baby teeth" that fall out and are replaced by permanent teeth.
- You can tell how old a male deer is by how many points there are on his antlers.
- Deer use their antlers during the winter to dig for food under the snow.
- When antlers grow, they are covered with "velvet," a soft, fuzzy tissue. This velvet is the only regenerating skin found in mammals.
- Like cows, deer have four stomachs.

- Deer can eat poison ivy without ill effect.
- Deer are found in every state in the U.S.
- The reason fawns are born with a pattern of white spots is so the mother can recognize her offspring.
- Deer have extraordinary senses, including sight, hearing and smell.
- Newborn deer have no scent, and the mother will place the fawn by itself in a secluded spot for protection against predators.

True/False Answers

1. True. The hollow hair is more important in providing insulation during the winter, but also helps when deer swim.

2. True.

3. True.

4. True.

5. True.

6. True. The permanent teeth are in place by the time the deer is 2-1/2

- years old.
- False. Rack size depends on many factors, including age, nutrition and genetics. Racks are typically largest on deer in middle age (4-6 years old) and get smaller as deer get into old age, but there are many variables.
- False. Deer shed their antlers starting in January, and they are used in dueling with other males during the mating season.
- True. Velvet is also the fastest growing tissue in mammals; some antler growth has been measured at 1 inch during one day.
- True. Deer are ruminants, swallowing food that they later bring up to chew, releasing more nutrients for further digestion.
- True.
- False. There are no deer native to Hawaii, but deer are found in the other 49 states, Canada and Mexico.
- False. The dots are a form of camouflage.
- True.
- True.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

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December 11, 2002.

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And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, A.D. 2002, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

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Daniel E. Best (P58501)
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WWR#02742159

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight & 30/100 (\$83,388.30), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, 2002 at 10 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Bldg. in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.2500% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Being Lot 69, and part of Lots 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4

of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West 167.00 feet; Thence North 24, degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees 18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28' 30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29' 30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL A 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: October 31, 2002
The Bank of New York, Mortgage
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for The Bank of New York
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 362-2600

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eddie A. Babcock, single and Denise M. Wahl, single, as joint tenants, to Advanta National Bank, mortgagee, dated March 29, 1999 and recorded April 27, 1999 in Liber 479, Page 610, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., by assignment dated August 20, 2001 and recorded on September 25, 2001 in Liber 553, Page 503, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three and 7/100 Dollars (\$65,373.07) including interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: Part of the N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, T26N, R2W, described as commencing at the SW corner of said section 28, thence no degrees 06'E (along the West section line) 1661.69 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing NO degrees 06'E 114 feet; thence S 89 degrees 20'15"E 1318.93 feet to the West 1/8 line; thence SO degrees 05'45" W (along the West 1/8 line) 114 feet; thence N89 degrees 20'15"W 1318.93 to the point of beginning.

Parcel B: Part of the N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, T26N, R2W, described as commencing at the SW corner of said section 28, thence NO degrees 06'E (along the West section line) 1775.69 feet to the point of beginning; thence

continuing NO degrees 06'E 218.33 feet; thence S89 degrees 20'30"E 1318.90 feet to the West 1/8 line; thence SO degrees 05'45"W (along the west 1/8) line 218.45 feet; thence N89 degrees 20'15"W 1318.93 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: October 31, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank
National Trust Company,
as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a
Bankers Trust Company of California,
N.A., As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 209.1654

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting November 11, 2002

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little and Hartman. Absent: Mobarak (arrived at 7:20 p.m. and left at 8:20 p.m.). There were 3 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, the Fire chief regarding the Fire Department/DPW and Mobarak regarding the Higgins Lake Advisory Committee.

There were 7 pieces of correspondence. Old Business:

- Discussion regarding new sign at entrance. More information is needed before the board wanted to decide on a sign.
- New Business:

- Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to add the allowed 1% collection fee to future tax collections. Ayes: 4, nays: 1. Motion carried.
- Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to adopt a Resolution to create Township Zoning Board Under PA 184 of 1943, as amended. Ayes: 5; nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to adopt a Resolution creating Township Planning Commission Under PA 168 of 1959, as amended. Ayes: 5; nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to have work done on reviewing of current zoning ordinance. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mobarak to authorize the Supervisor to spread the Special Assessment Roll. Seconded by Balmes. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to extend snowplowing contract with Brian Calkins for one year with inclusion of a walk-shoveling clause added in case needed. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Balmes to let Mobarak use the Community Center on December 6 and 7 for her book giveaway program through the Community Reading Program. Seconded by Little. Ayes: 4, nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Discussion regarding Board of Review.
- Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The three - 2 year terms for the Lovells Township Board of Review positions are expired on December 31, 2002. Any current board member or any other interested township resident may apply to serve on the Board of Review for the next two years by contacting the township offices at 989-348-9215 by December 10, 2002.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kerry L. Ihke, a single woman, of 104 Woodleaf, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to The United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, with its District

Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated April 27, 1998 and recorded June 4, 1998 in Liber 455 in Crawford County Records on Pages 155-160, such Mortgage being given to secure a Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four and 83/100 (\$83,664.83), and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage

has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on the 18th day of December, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 6.75% percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 13, Woodhurst, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: November 20, 2002
Michael I. Conlon (P43954)
Running, Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686
(231) 946-2700

United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Dept. of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-21-28-5-12

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle C. Oberg, an unmarried woman, individual to American Heritage, Inc., The State of Michigan, Mortgagee, dated February 20, 1999 and recorded on March 5, 1999, in Liber 476, on page 194 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by

mesne assignment to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for securitization series 1999-2 agreement dated 3-01-99, by an assignment dated July 9, 2002, and recorded on July 22, 2002, in Liber 589, on page 378 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty thousand six hundred twenty four and 69/100 dollars (\$30,624.69), including interest at 10.700% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 1, Block 5 of Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 21, 2002

Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

For information please call:

(248) 540-7701

Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company,

One M & T Plaza

Buffalo, NY 14203-2399

Trustee for securitization series 1999-2

Agreement dated 3-01-99

Assignee of Mortgage

-21-28-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John B. Mehal, Jr. and Dennis G. Mehal a/k/a D.J. Mehal, Husband and wife (original mortgagors) to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2001, and recorded on November 13, 2001 in

Liber 0559 on Page 388 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Nine and 61/100 dollars (\$80,389.61), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel f, a parcel of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West along the West Section line 956.26 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds East 655.81 feet thence along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 100.00 feet; are length of 561.60 feet, central angle of 321 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds, a chord bearing of South 00 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds West, and a chord length of 66.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds West, 655.60 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2002

For Information, Please Call

Mustangs 248-593-1306

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200230845

Mustangs

Cougars

-14-21-28-05-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denise Marie Elekonich a married woman and Jerry L. Elekonich her husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 1999, and recorded on June 17, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 168 in Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated May 21, 1999, which was recorded on September 15, 1999, in Liber 490 on Page 532 Crawford County Records, and re-recorded on October 26, 1999, in Liber 494 on Page 03, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two and 30/100 dollars (\$71,542.30), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 7, Shangri-La Subdivision, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2002

For Information, Please Call

Mustangs 248-593-1306

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30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

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CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for positions on the Planning Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest and foresight in future planning and community growth in Planning and Zoning for Crawford County. Must be able to make good decisions and participate at monthly meetings held every first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than 10:00 a.m. December 11, 2002 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
November 22, 2002

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR GRANTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at 7 o'clock p.m. at the College Board Room, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Kirtland Community College will hold a public hearing for granting law enforcement authority to the Kirtland Community College Public Safety Department pursuant to MCL 389.128.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees.

Sally J. Galer, Secretary/Treasurer

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION CREATING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER PA 168 OF 1959, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, desires to proceed under the terms and provisions of Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959, as amended, and create thereunder a Planning Commission for said Township, in place of the Township Planning Commission previously created under Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Beaver Creek Township Board does hereby create a Township Planning Commission consisting of five (5) qualified electors and property owners of the Township under the authority of and subject to the powers, duties and limitations provided in Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959, as amended, and the terms and conditions of the within Resolution and any amendments thereto which might hereafter be adopted.
2. The Township Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) qualified electors and property owners of the Township who are to be appointed by the Beaver Creek Township Supervisor with the approval of the township Board for the terms set forth and stipulated and for each member to be named within sixty (60) days after passage of this Resolution, which shall include one (1) member of the Township Board who shall be so appointed with the approval of the Township Board and who shall be the communicator between the two bodies, as a member of the Planning Commission.
3. The members of the Township Planning Commission shall receive as compensation for their services such sum or sums as shall be determined from time to time by Resolution of the Township Board.
4. All powers, duties and responsibilities of the present Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission which was previously created and is operating under Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931 as amended, are hereby transferred to the new Township Planning Commission created pursuant to this Resolution under Michigan Public Acts 168 of 1959, as amended, to become effective upon the effective date of this Resolution.
5. All powers, duties and responsibilities provided by Michigan Public Act 184 of 1943, as amended, for zoning boards created thereunder and whereby the Township Board by Resolution enacted before this Resolution created and appointed a Zoning Board, are hereby transferred to this Township Planning Commission created under this Resolution, to become effective on the effective date of this Resolution.
6. Notwithstanding the foregoing transfer, the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance which is presently in effect within the Township shall remain in full force and effect until a new township zoning ordinance is enacted by the Township Planning Commission created by this Resolution, with final authority of such decision resting with the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees.
7. The Township Planning Commission created by this Resolution is hereby requested to review the existing Beaver Creek Township Comprehensive Plan, making any necessary changes and to re-adopt the Beaver Creek Township Comprehensive Plan as a guide for the development of the unincorporated portions of the Township as provided in said Public Act 168 of 1959, as amended, and shall hereafter review all sections and plats of the Township, as are related to all the facets of planning, and through these studies, thereupon, make recommendations to the Township Board.
8. All plans, regulation and zoning activities of the Township Planning Commission created under this Resolution shall be subject to the approval of the Township Board, which approval shall be required before the same shall become effective.
9. A qualified consultant in planning has been hired for initial guidance and to put the existing work in proper order during the next year and until completion of the review of the Beaver Creek Township Comprehensive Plan and until completion and enactment of a new Township Zoning Ordinance.
10. Any amendments which may hereafter be made to Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959 (as currently amended) shall hereby be deemed to automatically control the activities of the Township Planning Commission created by this Resolution unless the same are specifically determined not to apply by resolution of the Township Board. The Beaver Creek Township Board may amend or repeal this Resolution by a majority vote of the full Board.
11. This Resolution shall take effect sixty (60) days following publication of the same in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township unless a legal referendum petition is filed in connection therewith and then at such time as shall be prescribed by said Act 168 of 1959 as amended.
12. The Township Clerk shall, within ten (10) days after the adoption of the within Resolution, transmit copies of the same to the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan and to the Crawford County Planning Commission as notice of the action taken by this Resolution.

CERTIFICATE

I, SHARON HARTMAN, as Clerk of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the within Resolution was duly adopted by the Beaver Creek Township Board at a regular meeting of said Board at which a quorum was present held on November 11, 2002 and that copies of the same were transmitted to the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan and to the Crawford County Planning Commission within the ten (10) day period therein directed by the undersigned.

Sharon Hartman, Township Clerk

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have unpaid 2000 and/or 1998 taxes, the **STATE OF MICHIGAN** will be publishing in the Crawford County Avalanche legal descriptions and **NAMES OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** on December 23, 2002, December 30, 2002 and January 6, 2003.

To avoid publication, 2000 and/or 1998 taxes must be paid in full by Monday, December 2, 2002. **PAYMENTS MADE AFTER DECEMBER 2, 2002 WILL NOT PREVENT PUBLICATION. ALSO, A \$50.00 PUBLICATION FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 2, 2002.**

Payments will be accepted by **CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.**

NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS!!

NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. - NOON

1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

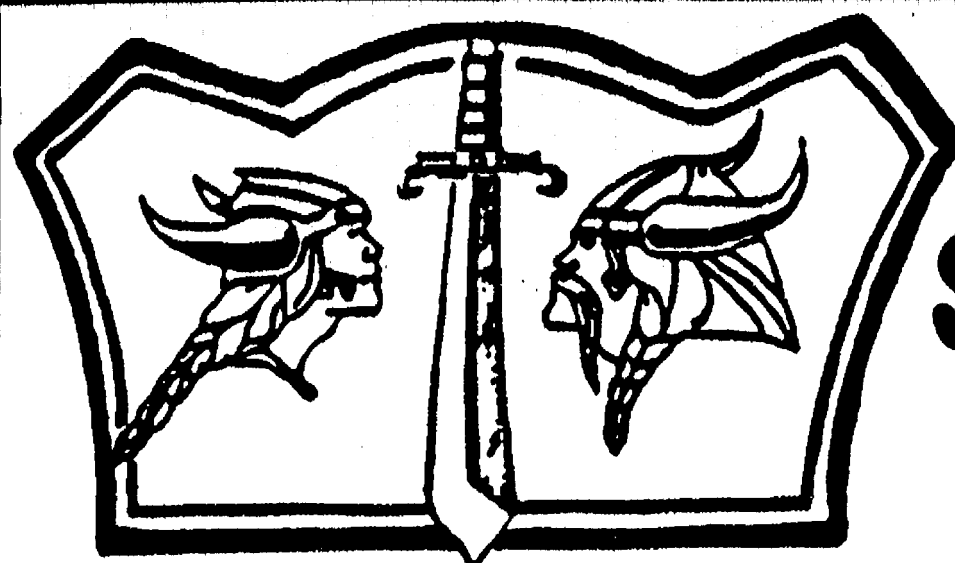
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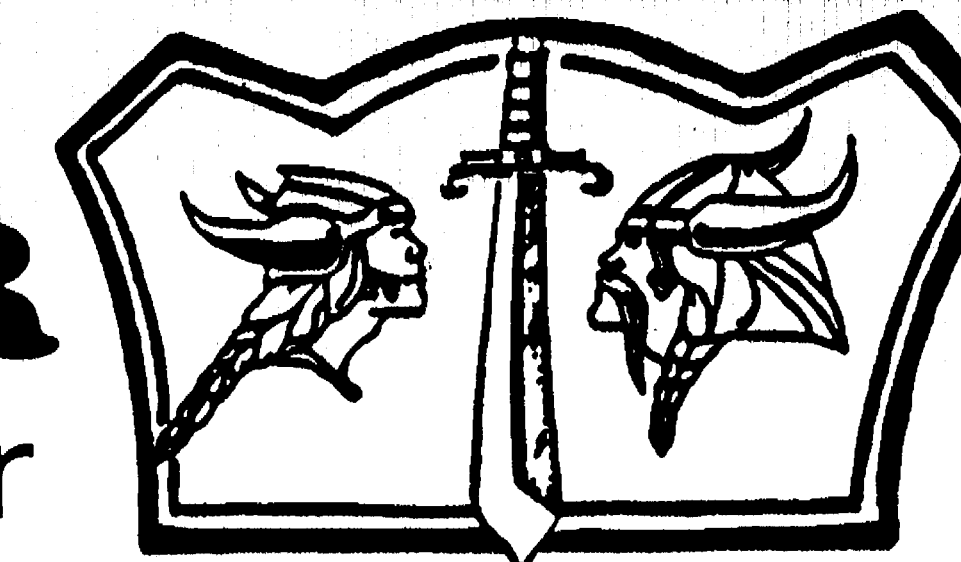
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Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

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Rental Center****Moore's
Automotive****DXR Computer
Sales & Service****Sylvester's &
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GMC Buick****Parrott's Perch
Boutique/Craft Shop**

2002-2003 Winter SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Schools Sports Calendar



Grayling Vikings Varsity Skiing

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	January 9, 2003	Grayling/Roscommon	H	2:00	12:00
Friday	January 10, 2003	Gaylord Invitational @ Oostego Club	A	1:00	11:00
Tuesday	January 14, 2003	Clare & Mt. Pleasant	H	2:00	12:00
Thursday	January 16, 2003	Farwell & Grayling @ Clare	A	2:00	12:00
Thursday	January 23, 2003	Harrison & Grayling @ Mt. Pleasant	H	2:00	12:00
Tuesday	January 28, 2003	Harrison & Farwell	A	2:00	12:00
Thursday	January 30, 2003	Lake Michigan League @ Boyne Mt.	A	4:00	1:30
Thursday	February 6, 2003	Alpine Conference @ Treetops Clare	A	1:00	10:30
Thursday	February 13, 2003	MHSAA Regionals @ Crystal Mt.	A	9:30	6:30
Tuesday	February 18, 2003	Mt. Pleasant Invitational	A	9:30	7:00
Thursday	February 20, 2003	Burger King Invitational	H	3:00	1:00
Monday	February 24, 2003	MHSAA State Finals @ Nubs Nob	A	TBA	TBA

Underline denotes location of away game

Grayling Vikings 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 11, 2002	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Monday	December 16, 2002	Surline	A	5:00	3:00
Wednesday	January 8, 2003	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Thursday	January 9, 2003	Surline	H	5:00	
Monday	January 13, 2003	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Wednesday	January 15, 2003	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	January 20, 2003	Kalkaska	H	5:00	
Wednesday	January 22, 2003	Gaylord	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	January 27, 2003	Roscommon	A	5:00	4:00
Thursday	January 30, 2003	Sterling Standish (8th grade Only)	A	6:00	4:15
Monday	February 10, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	
Tuesday	February 11, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	
Wednesday	February 14, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	
Thursday	February 15, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	

Grayling Vikings Varsity Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	December 5, 2002	Whittemore/Gaylord	H	6:00	
Saturday	December 7, 2002	Roscommon Invitational	A	10:00	8:00
Thursday	December 12, 2002	Bay City John Glen/Petoskey	H	6:00	
Saturday	December 14, 2002	Mason County Central	A	6:00	TBA
Thursday	December 19, 2002	Roscommon/Whittemore	A	6:00	4:30
Thursday	January 9, 2003	Standish Sterling/Ogemaw Hgts.	A	6:00	4:00
Thursday	January 11, 2003	Oscoda Invitational	A	10:00	7:00
Thursday	January 16, 2003	Oscoda/Pinconning	A	6:00	3:30
Saturday	January 18, 2003	Ithaca Invitational	A	10:00	5:00
Saturday	January 25, 2003	Gaylord Invitational	A	9:30	8:00
Thursday	January 30, 2003	Tawas	A	6:00	3:15
Saturday	February 1, 2003	Gladwin Invitational	A	9:00	7:15
Saturday	February 8, 2003	NEMC Conference Meet	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 12, 2003	Team Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 15, 2003	Individual Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 19, 2003	Team Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 22, 2003	Individual Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA

Underline denotes site of away game

Grayling Vikings Varsity & Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	December 10, 2002	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Friday	December 13, 2002	Standish Sterling	H	6:15	
Friday	December 20, 2002	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Friday	January 3, 2003	Bay City John Glen	H	4:30	
Tuesday	January 7, 2003	Gaylord	A	6:15	4:45
Friday	January 10, 2003	Pinconning	A	6:15	4:00
Tuesday	January 14, 2003	Gladwin	H	6:15	
Friday	January 17, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	4:30	
Tuesday	January 21, 2003	Tawas	H	4:30	
Friday	January 24, 2003	Oscoda	A	6:15	3:30
Tuesday	January 28, 2003	Boyne City	H	4:30	
Friday	January 31, 2003	Standish Sterling	A	6:15	4:00
Tuesday	February 4, 2003	Roscommon	H	4:30	
Friday	February 7, 2003	Bay City John Glen	A	4:30	2:00
Tuesday	February 11, 2003	Gladwin	A	6:15	4:15
Friday	February 14, 2003	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Tuesday	February 18, 2003	Gaylord	H	6:15	4:15
Friday	February 21, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:15
Tuesday	February 25, 2003	Roscommon	A	TBA	
Friday	February 28, 2003	Tawas	A	4:30	2:05

Grayling Vikings Freshman Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 18, 2002	Oscoda	A	6:15	3:30
Friday	January 3, 2003	Bay City John Glen	H	4:30	
Monday	January 6, 2003	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Thursday	January 9, 2003	Standish Sterling	H	6:15	
Friday	January 17, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	4:30	
Tuesday	January 21, 2003	Tawas	H	4:30	
Wednesday	January 22, 2003	Gaylord	H		
Tuesday	January 28, 2003	Boyne City	H	4:30	
Monday	February 3, 2003	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Tuesday	February 4, 2003	Roscommon	H	4:30	
Wednesday	February 5, 2003	Pinconning	A	6:15	4:00
Friday	February 7, 2003	Bay City John Glen	A	4:30	2:00
Monday	February 10, 2003	Standish Sterling	A	6:15	4:00
Thursday	February 13, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:15
Monday	February 17, 2003	Gaylord	A	6:30	5:15
Tuesday	February 25, 2003	Roscommon	A	4:30	TBA
Friday	February 28, 2003	Tawas	A	4:30	2:05

Grayling Vikings Varsity Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Saturday	December 14, 2002	Roscommon	A	8:30	7:45
Wednesday	December 18, 2002	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Saturday	December 21, 2002	Lake City	A	8:30	6:45
Saturday	January 4, 2003	Petoskey	A	8:30	6:30
Wednesday	January 8, 2003	Standish Sterling	A	6:15	4:00
Saturday	January 11, 2003	Gaylord	A	8:30	7:15
Wednesday	January 15, 2003	Bay City John Glen	A	6:15	3:30
Saturday	January 25, 2003	St. Ignace	A	9:00	6:15
Monday	January 27, 2003	Houghton Lake	H	6:15	
Wednesday	February 5, 2003	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Saturday	February 8, 2003	Subway Invitational	H	9:00	
Wednesday	February 12, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:15
Wednesday	February 19, 2003	Tawas	A	6:15	3:40
Saturday	February 22, 2003	NEMC Meet	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	March 1, 2003	Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity & Freshman Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 18, 2002	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Monday	January 6, 2003	Pinconning	A	6:15	4:00
Wednesday	January 8, 2003	Standish Sterling	A	6:15	4:00
Monday	January 13, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15	
Wednesday	January 15, 2003	Bay City John Glen	A	6:15	3:30
Saturday	January 18, 2003	Kalkaska JV		TBA	
Monday	January 20, 2003	Tawas	H	6:15	
Monday	January 27, 2003	Houghton Lake	H	6:15	
Wednesday	February 5, 2003	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Monday	February 10, 2003	Standish Sterling	H	6:15	
Wednesday	February 12, 2003	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:15
Monday	February 17, 2003	Bay City John Glen	H	6:15	
Wednesday	February 19, 2003	Tawas	A	6:15	3:40

Grayling Vikings 7th Grade Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 11, 2002	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	December 16, 2002	Surline	H	5:00	
Wednesday	January 8, 2003	Roscommon	A	5:00	4:00
Thursday	January 9, 2003	Surline	A	5:00	3:00
Monday	January 13, 2003	Gaylord	A	5:00	3:30
Wednesday	January 15, 2003	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Monday	January 20, 2003	Kalkaska	A	5:00	3:30
Wednesday	January 22, 2003	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Monday	January 27, 2003	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Monday	February 10, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	
Tuesday	February 11, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	
Wednesday	February 14, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	
Thursday	February 15, 2003	Roscommon Tournament	TBA	TBA	

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1. Chicago (37)
2. New England
3. Baltimore
4. Atlanta
5. Dallas
6. Miami
7. Cleveland
8. NY Giants
9. Pittsburgh (50)
10. Washington
11. Seattle
12. Oakland
13. Houston
14. Tampa Bay
15. Penn. St.
16. Ohio St. (23)

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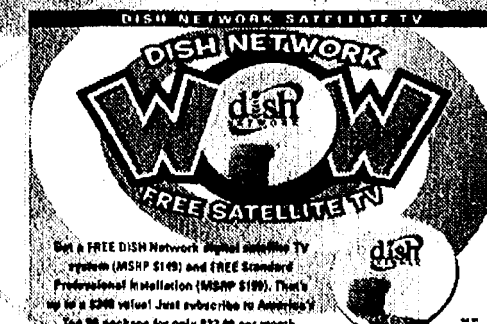


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Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #16 _____	

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1/20	50	21	.07
1/21	44	24	
1/22	37	28	
1/23	32	27	.03
1/24	34	30	
1/25	33	26	

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 28	High 32	High 35	High 33	High 31	High 34
Low 15	Low 19	Low 23	Low 18	Low 15	Low 17
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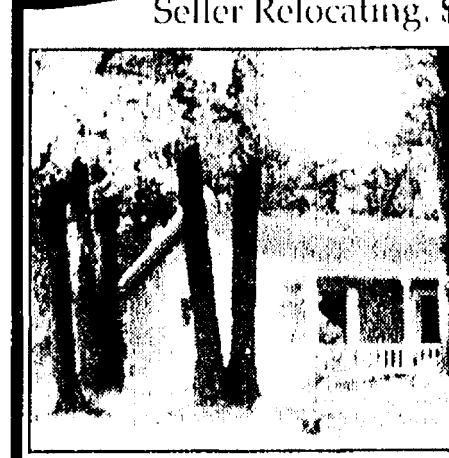
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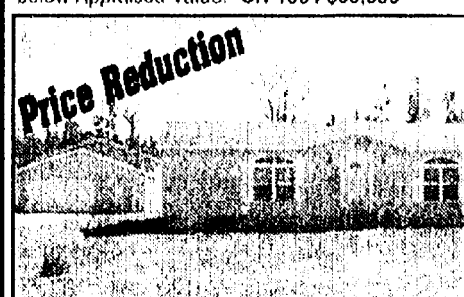
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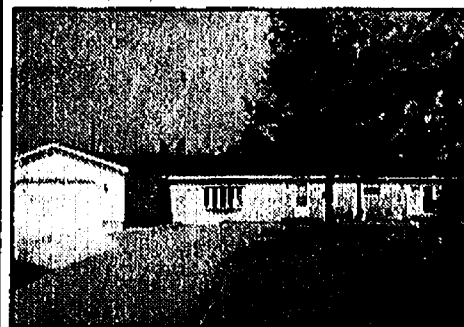
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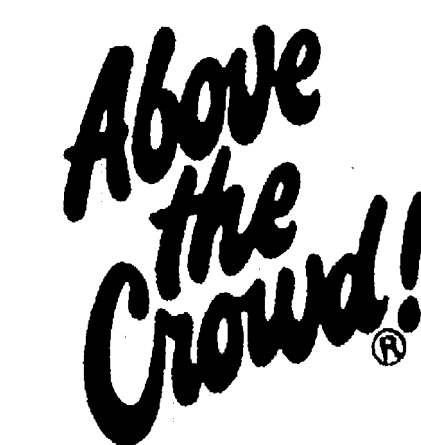
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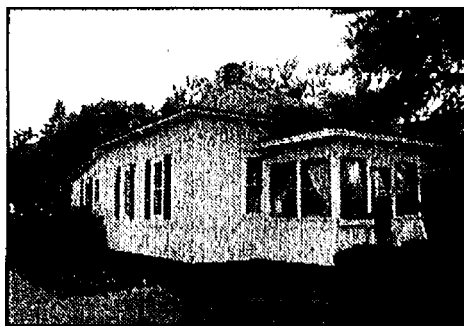
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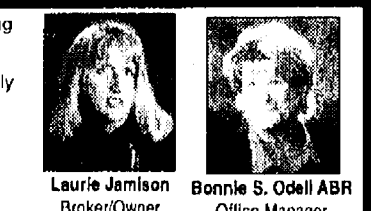
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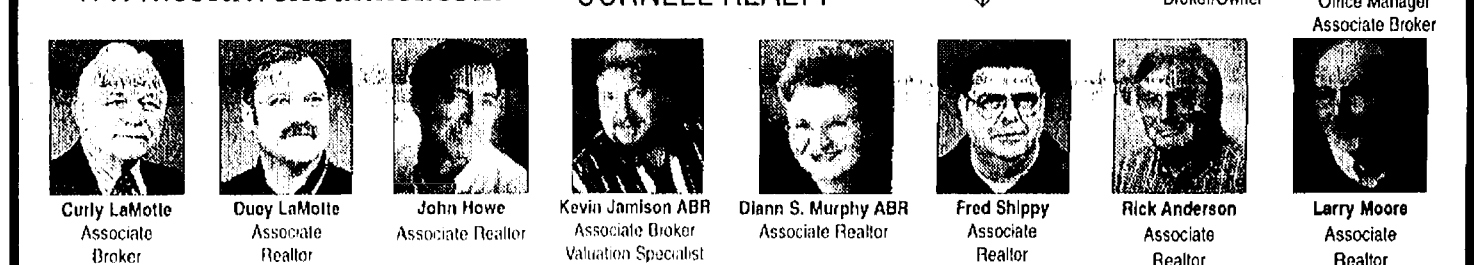
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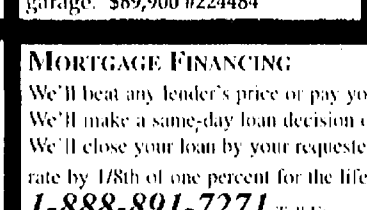
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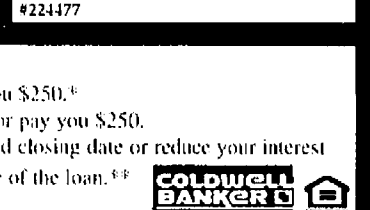
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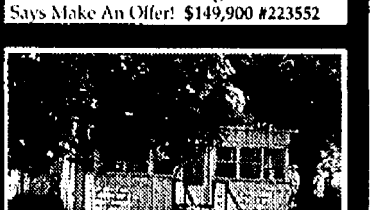
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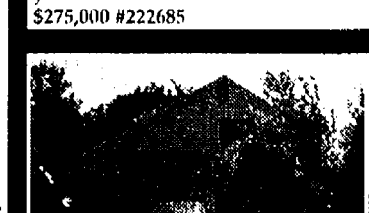
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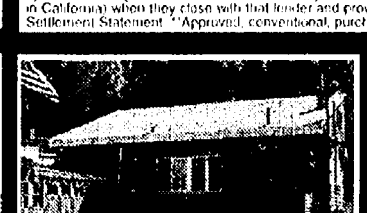
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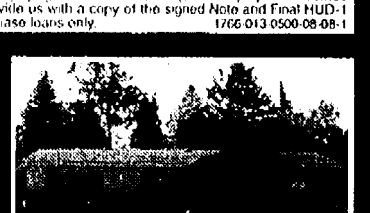
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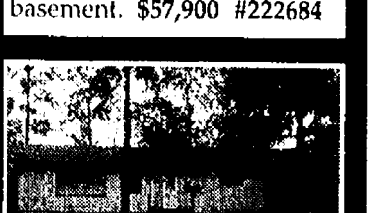
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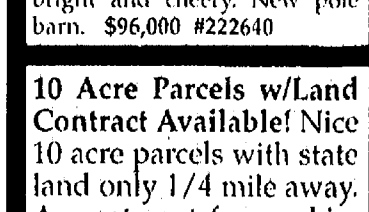
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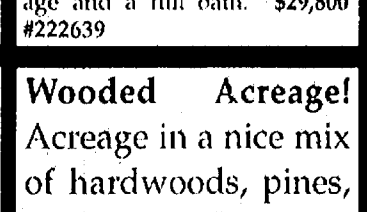
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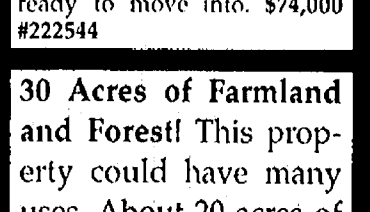
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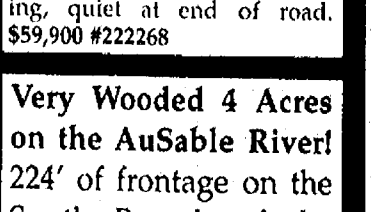
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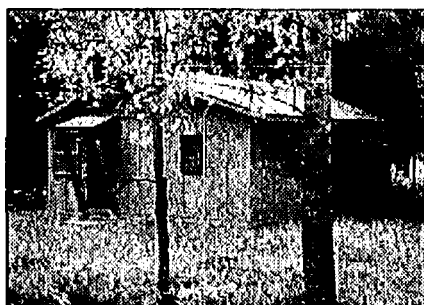


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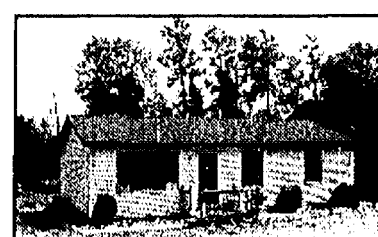
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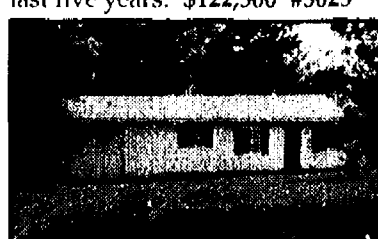
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2002 ZBA 006 Owner: Elizabeth Lepper, Petitioner
2870 White Pine Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
Parcel # 20-032-340-000-023-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to build a garage on the property located as listed above. The variance is to build within 26 ft. of the rear lot line, which is closer than Frederic Township Ordinance allows.

2002 ZBA 007 Owner: Robert Card Jr.
Howes Lake Road area
Frederic Township
Parcel # 20-030-033-001-040-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to have 20 dogs in his proposed kennel than the Frederic Township Zoning Ordinance allows. Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733. Telephone (989) 348-8840.

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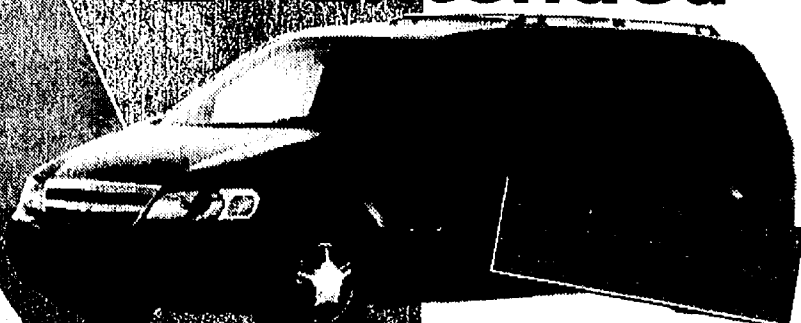
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